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Bill Clinton— We Finally Found the Local Angle

By Steve Steinberg

After all the scrutiny given to the background and character of Bill Clinton during this year's presidential campaign, it turns out that Noe Valley has its own source for some revealing insights into the President-elect's early life.

Andy Grimstad, a Noe Valley resident for the past eight years, was a classmate of Clinton's at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., from 1964 to 1968.

Grimstad, 45, who is a certified public accountant currently studying for a teaching credential in high school math at San Francisco State University, knew the future president during those distant days of the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement.

After almost 25 years, Grimstad's memories are a little sketchy, but they reveal a picture of student Bill Clinton that's remarkably consistent with his present-day image. "What we have gotten [as president]," Grimstad says, "is the man he has been for many years."

Grimstad, who is a San Francisco native and product of the city's Catholic schools, decided to attend Georgetown because of his interest in government and politics, and because he wanted to see another part of the country.

He first met Clinton in a freshman English class, and what struck him immediately was his Arkansas accent. "It was not the accent of South of Market, which had been my sole experience with southern accents before," Grimstad jokes.

Nevertheless, Clinton soon impressed



As this 1965 yearbook photo shows, William Jefferson Clinton was president of his freshman class at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He was sophomore class president too. But he was defeated in his bid for student body president the following year, and Noe Valley resident Andy Grimstad ran the campaign of the man who defeated him.

Grimstad with his outgoing personality. "He seemed to do well with meeting and chatting with other folks along the way." Clinton also struck him as "a gentleman," as far as his conduct with women was concerned.

"He was not an *Animal House* kind of guy," Grimstad says, noting that Clinton was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity that put helping others ahead of drinking and socializing.

Grimstad remembers seeing Clinton wearing a ROTC uniform during their freshman year—a recollection recently confirmed for him in a letter from another classmate. He says the fact that Clinton was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Georgetown never emerged during the presidential campaign—even though there was a big hubbub over Clinton's joining and then resigning from ROTC while attending Yale

Law School, allegedly in order to avoid the draft.

Grimstad says, however, that Clinton did not continue on in the corps in his sophomore year at Georgetown.

Within a short time of entering the university, Clinton drummed up enough campus recognition to run for student government. He was elected freshman class president and later sophomore class president.

Clinton, Grimstad points out, was enrolled in Georgetown's prestigious Foreign Service School, a branch of the university designed to provide training in politics and government. By their second year at Georgetown, it was apparent to Grimstad that Clinton was "a guy who had a clear interest" in a career in public service. "He was very, very bright," adds

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Merchants Dreaming of a White (Light) Christmas

By Janet Jacobs

The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association will bring a special glow to 24th Street this holiday season, by decorating storefronts with shining white lights, hosting a whirlwind visit from Santa, and offering a childcare service for frazzled gift-shopping parents.

Over the past month, J.P. Gillen, proprietor of Little Italy Restaurant and current Merchants Association president, has been the association's busiest elf, organizing several December events. To kick off the season, his group will hold a holiday social on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the local Bank of America branch (Castro and 24th).

"All area merchants and professionals are invited," says Gillen. "The social will feature area restaurant specialties—a taste of Noe Valley."

The next event is open to all Noe Valleyans. The merchants will conduct a special Christmas lighting ceremony on Friday, Dec. 4. At 6 p.m., they will simultaneously switch on the white lights they've been stringing on store windows along 24th Street.

"We're planning to get as many merchants as we can to turn on the lights and stay open until 8 p.m. that night," notes Gillen. "And we also hope to have carolers and maybe musicians, so we can have family entertainment along the street."

Then, on Saturday, Dec. 12, Santa will be available for picture-taking and list-checking. "Santa will sit at the Bank of

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Noe Valley Branches Out With 125 New Trees

By Andrea Alban Gosline

Noe Valley residents, led by the Friends of the Urban Forest, turned over a new leaf last month and planted a record 125 trees on neighborhood streets. Peppermint willows, flowering plums, Indian laurel figs, and windmill palms are among the 12 species that now grace once-barren sidewalks in front of 110 Noe Valley homes.

"Trees are a natural treasure, improving the air and enhancing the beauty of every block," said Mel Johnson, program director of the Friends, who coordinated the two plantings on Oct. 31 and Nov. 14. "There is nothing quite like neighbors planting trees together and creating a tangible change" in the urban landscape.

Over the years, numerous tree plantings have occurred in Noe Valley. But

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Neighborhood planters joined the Friends of the Urban Forest on Blanche Alley Oct. 31, as part of a massive plot to introduce 10 dozen saplings to the sidewalks of Noe Valley. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP.



Noe Valley Seniors Want You

Editor:

The Noe Valley Senior Center, located within the Noe Valley Ministry at 1021 Sanchez St., is alive, but still struggling. The latest word we have from Mayor Jordan is that David Ishida, executive director of the Commission on Aging, has stated that if we keep an average of 30 participants attending our weekday lunch program, we can receive funds from the city budget. If not, we will again be subject to budget cuts and the prospect of closing, which we've fought against for the past two years.

The problem is, we are so close to achieving this number—with our current average attendance of 25 a day—that it would be a shame to give up for lack of recruiting five persons. We now have an expert group worker, Bob Moorehead, from the Salvation Army (which supplies our delicious meals), who is working with a small committee of seniors to think up ways to grow.

But in the meantime, seniors 60 and over who'd like to join us Monday through Friday for a nutritious lunch and friendly activities, should call the senior center to sign up.

Also, we'd love to have you attend our Christmas dinner and party on Friday, Dec. 18, at 12:30 p.m. For lunch or party reservations, please call 648-1030.

Marjorie Stern
Member, Noe Valley Senior Center
Jersey Street resident



Remembering Al Diel

Dear Al:

We've missed seeing you slowly wheeling the Bell Market shopping cart up Sanchez Street. You always had time to stop and talk and give your opinion on the latest news of the world or neighborhood gripes. It's been quiet without you.

Thanks for all the assistance you offered your neighbors over the years.

(As reported in the *Voice* last month ["A Farewell Toast to Al Diel, the Mayor of Elizabeth Street"], Al died in September at the age of 88. Al was a good

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conversationalist, carpenter, gardener, and food bag deliverer to the sick and elderly, and he *loved* to go to City Hall and find out if people had all their required permits for home improvements!)

It's been nice knowing you.

Love always,

Terry Verbish and friends
Elizabeth Street

Ministry Protests Presbyterian Ban on Lesbian Pastors

Editor:

The pastor and the session (ruling body) of the Noe Valley Ministry, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., together with many of our members, wish to express our deep regret, sorrow, and indignation over the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church to prevent the call of the Rev. Jane Adams Spahr, a lesbian pastor, to a church in Rochester, N.Y., as well as bar the ordination of candidate Lisa Larges, also a lesbian, to the Pastoral Ministry. We know these two women to be highly qualified and deeply spiritual leaders.

Lisa Larges is a former intern with the Noe Valley Ministry, at 1021 Sanchez St., who continues to reside in Noe Valley. Both women occasionally preach at the Ministry. Barring their formal leadership is a great loss and injustice. We wish to publicly reject and protest this unfortunate decision.

Carl A. Smith, pastor
Kathy Willems, clerk of session
Noe Valley Ministry

Merchants Should Be Colorblind

Editor:

I work on 24th Street and am very disturbed by a pattern I have noticed in our merchant watch system.

In nine out of 10 alerts, the person being reported for shoplifting is either a Latino or Latina or an African-American man or woman. Sometimes the report is only that the person is acting suspiciously.

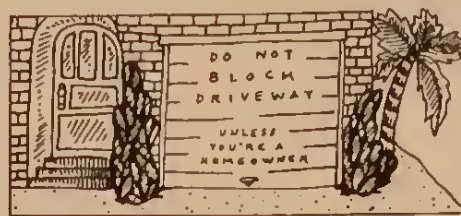
Either white people never shoplift or behave strangely in Noe Valley, or merchants and clerks are particularly scrutinous when people of color are in their stores. This is a form of racism. It also means that white people could be stuffing merchandise into their bags, but are not caught because they are not watched.

I hope that everyone on 24th Street will do some self-examination. Are you more alert when a person of color enters your store? Do you watch them more carefully than whites?

I am embarrassed to live in a neighbor-

hood that treats people differently based on their skin color. I hope this practice stops.

Barbara Johnson
Twenty-sixth Street



Dolores Street Driveway Dispute

Editor:

I am writing to comment on a new experience I have had since moving into the Noe Valley neighborhood. I wonder whether anyone else has had a similar one.

We are a couple of women who moved to a nice flat on Dolores Street. Most of our neighbors are homeowners, something we found out very quickly.

Our building has a garage that is used as a laundry room. Our driveway is thus not used to drive on into the garage, but we still use it for loading, unloading, and quick stops, since parking in the neighborhood is an ordeal.

There is about four feet of curb space between our driveway and the neighbor's. Anyone with a small car can park about three-quarters of its length alongside the curb, and we don't mind, as long as they leave us enough room to use the driveway. When they do not, we leave them a polite note asking them not to block our driveway. This, however, causes extreme agitation on the part of the neighbor-homeowners.

One neighbor told us that we do not have a legal driveway because our garage is not used as a garage. He insisted that he had a right to block it. This incident got around and we had a number of cars blocking the driveway, sometimes for days at a time. When I left another polite note, another neighbor said he had the right to block the driveway, because I didn't own the building.

It seems strange that the neighbor who owns the home two houses down lets me know I do not have the right to use my own driveway, even though I pay a good sum of money to enjoy the property I rent.

I would understand if the owner were concerned about his own property. But the house I live in is not his, and I am not encroaching on his property. Rather, he encroaches on mine. I would never think of blocking his driveway, even if he did not use his garage. I find this behavior

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puzzling and wonder whether such attitudes come from the fact that these neighbors are homeowners and we are tenants, or because we are women or something else.

Yohana Knobloch
Dolores Street

Still on Perillo's Case

Editor:

I read with interest the two letters to the editor discussing the "Lois Perillo controversy." John McGuffin's letter conjured up that lost soul Gary, who made the tragic mistake of begging in increasingly uptight Noe Valley, and who no longer walks 24th Street due to the unrelenting efforts of Lois Perillo to incarcerate him.

I would remind Officer Perillo of the ultimate injustice of a legal system that punishes panhandling. Perhaps Ms. Perillo should read Anatole France, who wrote that the law, in its equal majesty, forbids the rich as well as the poor from soliciting alms.

Well written, McGuffin, and shame on Officer Perillo and her henchman Sgt. Johnson.

Joe Morehaed
14-year Noe Valley resident



Or Is It the Sonic Baby Boom?

Editor:

In your November 1992 issue, Betty Macfarlan asked in a letter to the editor whether any Noe Valley residents could identify the constant "high-pitched tone" she was hearing at 29th and Dolores.

If you have sensitive hearing in the upper-frequency range, you can actually pick up this sound all over Noe Valley, and, as Ms. Macfarlan notes, ear plugs do not help. This tone is caused by a large number of biological clocks all going off at once.

The only solution to this problem has an unfortunate side effect: an increase in baby stroller gridlock in the neighborhood.

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College Classmate Says Clinton Will Do the Job

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Grimstad. Despite his initial campaign victories, Clinton wasn't always successful in student politics. During their junior year, Clinton ran for student body president. Grimstad served as campaign manager for the opposing candidate, and it was his man who won the election.

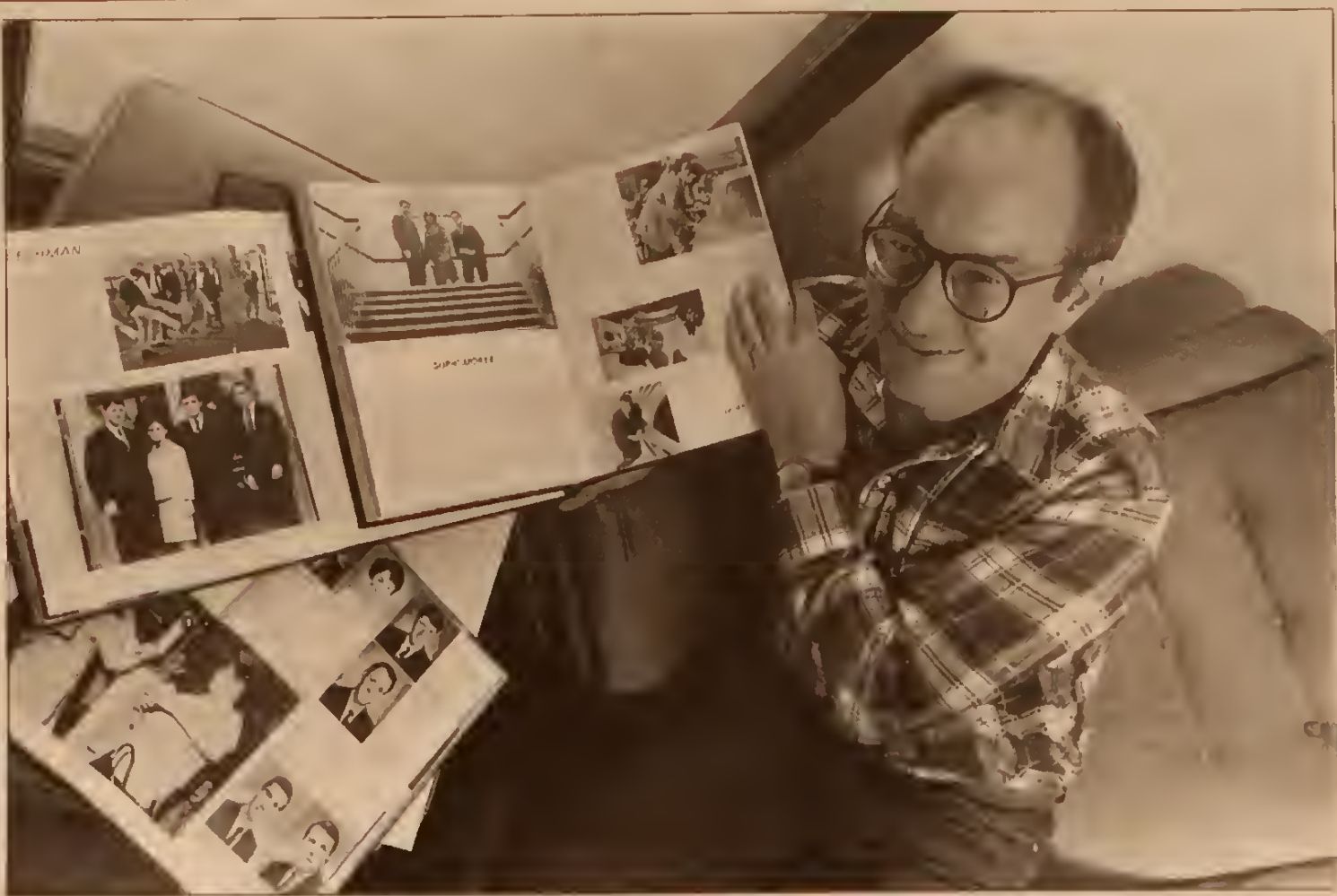
An activist in the civil rights movement, Grimstad organized a student coalition against Clinton because he felt he was a middle-of-the-roader who represented the status quo. At the time, Grimstad's candidate championed a more progressive agenda.

Even though Grimstad was happy with the outcome of the school election, in retrospect he says Clinton probably would have made a better student body president than the candidate he backed. "[My] guy was no administrator," he confesses.

Grimstad notes that in the mid-1960s Georgetown was still a very conservative place. (Another classmate of Clinton and Grimstad's was Alfredo Cristiani, the current president of El Salvador and a member of the far-right-wing Arena Party.) According to Grimstad, the student body generally supported the Vietnam War and "got upset" with anyone who participated in peace demonstrations and civil rights marches.

Given that atmosphere, Grimstad finds it difficult to accept the Republican portrayal of Clinton in the later stages of the presidential campaign as a "long-haired" anti-war activist.

Clinton, says Grimstad, was no radical and always gave "deep thought, agonizing thought, to how his actions might affect his future political career."



Elizabeth Street resident Andy Grimstad displays his Georgetown University yearbooks for 1965, 1966, and 1968, arrayed to show off his most famous classmate, Bill Clinton. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP.

If Georgetown did not turn out social activists, what it did produce in its graduates were a lot of "moderate pragmatists," says Grimstad. And Clinton definitely fell into that category.

After Clinton's school election defeat, Grimstad gradually lost touch with him. Both men were busy with their studies, and Clinton had signed on as an aide to Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright.

During their junior and senior years, he was also involved in preparations for becoming a Rhodes scholar. Grimstad recalls that Clinton, knowing he had to have some athletic background to compete for the scholarship, joined

Georgetown's club football team—there was no intercollegiate team on campus—and played against other college club teams for a semester.

Grimstad has not had any personal contact with Clinton since graduation, although he did send a contribution to Clinton's first campaign for governor of Arkansas.

Recently, he received a letter from another Georgetown classmate, who recalled a conversation the two had in 1973—long before Clinton's first gubernatorial victory—in which Grimstad told his friend he wouldn't be surprised if Clinton someday ran for president, and

won.


Now that Clinton has been elected, Grimstad is definitely pleased, and thinks he will make a good president. "Bill will move to pull the country back together."

Looking back over the span of a quarter century, Grimstad's most enduring impression of Bill Clinton at Georgetown is that "he was always building for the future." And that future has finally arrived—for him and for us. □



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Record Tree Planting in Neighborhood

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last month's plantings were remarkable due to the large number of trees that went in—125 as compared to the usual 30—as well as the size of the geographical area that was covered: 30 square blocks instead of six.

The streets that were spruced up the most were Vicksburg, Jersey, Clipper, 23rd, 25th, and 26th, but the planting project stretched from 22nd and Grand View to Church and 28th streets.

Sue Bowie, a veteran tree planter who lives on 30th Street, worked closely with

Johnson to help organize the events. "It's a wonderful feeling to watch how happy people are when they see the new trees. The whole neighborhood notices. Even people who didn't plant shared in the community spirit," she said.

At the Oct. 31 gathering, two 24th Street merchants, Holey Bagel and S.F. Coffee Company, fortified the tree brigade by contributing fresh bagels and hot coffee to a pre-planting breakfast. While the more social members of the group mingled, those who were motivated by the big job to do loaded stakes, shovels, soil, and trees onto pickup

trucks.

The children who tagged along with their parents participated in the most festive activity of the morning: they helped blow up dozens of green and white balloons, to adorn the newly planted trees.

To get in on the ground floor of future plantings, call the Friends of the Urban Forest at 543-5000. □



Merchants Deck the Halls

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America from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Then we'll have him out on the street from 2:00 to 3:00, so he can tool around and talk to the kids."

For parents who need some breathing room to do shopping for the kids, the association will provide childcare from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 13 at the Noe Valley Co-op Nursery School, located within the Noe Valley Ministry at 1021 Sanchez St. (near 23rd). The fee is \$5 with a proof of purchase from a Noe Valley merchant, and all proceeds will go to the school.

Novella Smith, a member of the co-op, says, "We plan to set up activities for the kids and let them play like crazy. We'll probably have some projects like making ornaments. But we want proof from the merchants that the parents have actually shopped here in Noe Valley (in order to get the special rate of \$5). If parents drop off their kids and go shop at Mervyn's, it will cost more."

The childcare arrangements are part of the Merchants' ongoing effort to encourage a "spirit of cooperation" with neighborhood schools, says Carol Yenne, association secretary and owner of Small Frys, a kids' clothing shop on 24th Street.

"There have been a number of members of the Merchants Association who are always looking for ways to work together with the schools—maybe because there are so many kids in Noe Valley."

At press time, the association was negotiating with a local school to see whether its playground could be converted to a parking lot for holiday shoppers on December weekends.

For an update on the merchants' holiday plans, call J.P. Gillen at 821-1515. For the scoop on holiday childcare, call the Noe Valley Co-op Nursery School at 647-2278. □

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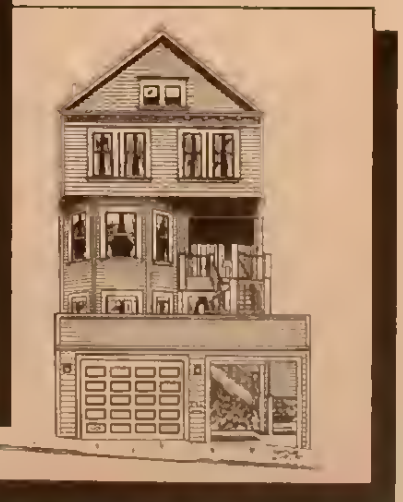
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Christmas Is a Jolly Old Time of Year at Lehr's

By Jeff Kaliss

There's something about Lehr's German Specialties store at 1581 Church St. that suggests Christmas.

Maybe it's the variety of delights within a small space—everything from toys and chocolates to beer steins and cuckoo clocks. Or maybe it's the jolly nature of the proprietor, Boris Lehr, who seems to break into chuckles with every other sentence.

Or maybe it's the mystery of something waiting to be discovered. "You'd be surprised," notes Lehr. "There are people who live around the corner and pass by and go, 'I just didn't know this shop was here.'"

Actually, Lehr's has been at Church and 28th streets for 17 years, and even longer if you count its previous incarnation under the ownership of the late Hans Speckmann, founder of the German restaurant a half-block away.

But although his clientele is 80 percent German, Austrian, and Swiss, the 65-year-old Lehr himself is the multilingual

son of a Latvian father and a Russian mother, and he spent his childhood in Estonia. Displaced during World War II, Lehr finished high school in Germany and then came to San Francisco with his mother in 1952, only to be drafted during the Korean War.

"I was lucky," reflects Lehr. "Out of 300 guys at Fort Ord, 294 went to Korea and got slaughtered, and six were sent to Europe, and I was one of them, because of my languages. I was stationed in Germany, met Brigitte and married her, and then we came over here and started to work."

For 18 years, Lehr managed Fred Meyer's fireplace equipment factory at Army and Potrero streets. In 1971, after Meyer died, Lehr went into real estate and acquired several buildings, including his current storefront on Church. About that time, it dawned on him that retailing German imports could be a going concern.

"I checked with the radio stations, and found out that there were over a quarter million Germans in the greater Bay

Area," says Lehr. "A lot of them were underground because of the war. They went to Manteca and Madera and all those places and became farmers, and didn't want to be heard from."

"But then they started to come out. And that hill"—he motions toward Upper Noe Valley—"had been German since after World War I. The Germans started to export, and people were hungry for their own merchandise."

Speckmann, who operated the store primarily as a deli and lived over it, sold out in the early '70s, and Lehr acquired the business after a brief interim ownership by others. Because of Lehr's amiability and fluency in German, the shop became a favorite hangout for expatriates from all over northern California.

"I used to give out all the kids these things," he says, gesturing towards a huge jar of Softi chew candy near the cash register. "Every time they came in, they would stand here and wait until they got a little. Now they're all tall, but they still stand here."

But there's much more to see and taste as you move around the store. "Try this," insists Lehr, slicing off a piece of marzipan stollen. "It's half-bread, half-cake, hard to describe, and it's long-lasting. You can take it and freeze it." As with most of Lehr's lines, this sweet delicacy comes in a variety of forms, including

After 17 years in the neighborhood, Boris Lehr has accumulated a lot more than just sugar plums at his Lehr's German Specialties shop on Church Street near 28th. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS.

butter stollen and rum stollen.

And there's an even greater selection of chocolates, the subject of a feature story on Channel 5. Aside from the more familiar Tobler and Lindt labels, there are enough liquor-filled confections to confound a 12-step group of alcoholic-chocoholics. For more complete meals, there are vacuum-packed breads, meats, spices, dumplings, herring filets, preserves, and syrups.

If you want to wash these down in nationalist style, you can decant your wine and beer into your choice of specialty wine glasses, beer glasses, and massive hand-painted steins, although Lehr advises about the latter, "People don't drink out of them any more, they just put them on the shelf, because they go for anywhere from \$35 to two or three hundred."

And if you overindulge, you may want to check out the medicinal teas, packaged by the Salus company. "They've used them for so many hundreds of years," says Lehr. "There is a sleeping tea, a

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Walking in Lehr's Winter Wonderland

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stomach tea, teas for the gall bladder, heart, chest, and blood cleansing."

Over the years, Lehr has devoted particular attention to expanding his stock in the area of culture and folklore. "We have tapes and CDs, including all the mountain music, the Oktoberfest stuff," he points out. For that annual celebration, you can also outfit yourself in a dirndl, the woman's dress with apron and low-cut bodice, or lederhosen, the snug-fitting leather shorts for men. "That's how they learn to yodel," laughs Lehr, "because they're tight."

The Alpine look for males also includes a goat's beard stuck into a hat. "If you wear it flat, it's an indication if you go to a restaurant that you're married," explains Lehr. "If you're single, you put it slightly to the front. If it's straight up, then you're strictly looking for something."

Unsuccessful, unliberated men might settle for pictorials featuring the fair sex in the latest copy of *Das Neue Wochend*. For the more politically minded, there's *Der Spiegel* and *Der Stern*, as well as



Boris Lehr will be happy to bundle up a hand-painted German nutcracker for you at his "Alpine Village" on Church Street. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS.

week-old newspapers from Frankfurt and Munich.

For the winter holidays, the inventory increases by as much as \$50,000 to match the increase in customers. "You should see how they pile in here, it's unbelievable," says Lehr. "And it's very mixed: there are the old ones, not too many left, but it's the new generation that's important."

They begin by buying Christmas cards in the German language and an *Adventskalender*, which lets kids open little windows starting Dec. 1, each one offering a

new chocolate. Santa, in his German chocolate incarnation as *Weihnachtsmann*, can be hung on the Christmas tree, along with little cookies, and there are miniature holiday scenes on turntables, driven by a wooden propeller.

Although any of Lehr's delights could qualify as Christmas gifts, the store's large, hand-painted nutcrackers and world-famous tiny Hummel figurines have particular appeal. Big prices come in smaller packages, however: the Hummels cost about 10 times what the nutcrackers do, and some of the nutcrackers

run as high as \$160.

"Germans actually buy soaps at Christmas and Easter, and extracts," Lehr points out. "One extract is good for your skin, one for after work, and others for unwinding after sport or calming at bedtime."

On New Year's Eve, kids are kept busy divining the future with a *Glücksblei* kit, which includes a little pan and lead figurines. Explains Lehr, "You put these things in the pan, melt them on your gas stove, pour the hot lead into a bucket of water, and the shape sort of explodes and creates a picture. Then you sit there with the whole family and predict the future from what it looks like."

Lehr has found that the vestigial guilt of expatriate Germans over the atrocities of World War II has dissipated somewhat since he took over the business, as has the sensitivity of immigrant Jews.

"I put an ad in the Jewish paper when I first started, because I know there's a large German-Jewish population in the Avenues, and they would like to buy these teas," he recalls.

"And there was one guy at Christmas time who looked through the window like, 'Is everything safe?' I stood there, and he opens the door, opens his jacket, and he had the ad from the *Jewish Star*. And he said, 'Hi, *Landsmann* [countryman in German], and smiled.'" □



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Walter McGrew's Cup Overflows With Happy Memories

By Cathryn Byrne

Eighty-six-year-old Walter McGrew was born in Noe Valley in 1906, and lived here until 1946, when he moved to the Richmond District. When the *Voice* approached him for an interview last month, he was more than happy to share a few memories of his rip-roaring days in the neighborhood.

McGrew is a physically fit and sharp-witted man, and these qualities may be the legacy of his grandfather, a stonemason who helped build the railway across the United States in the 1800s. McGrew listened to and learned many tales on the knee of this strong Irishman.

"When they were coming across the plains and ran out of bullets," he says, "my grandfather fought the Indians with potato-mashers!"

But McGrew's athletic abilities—he was known as the fastest kid on the block and a whiz at baseball—can easily be attributed to his father. Milford Humphrey McGrew traveled across the country "on one of those bikes with the big wheel in front and a little wheel in back," he says with pride. "The Ordinary, I think they called it."

"And he was great on steam engines, and he worked on threshing machines, doing all of the harvesting all through the middle states."

McGrew's mother, Nellie Loretta Murray, got her first glimpse of her future husband at a sports competition.

"The Civic Center was City Hall Avenue then. And where the Civic Auditorium is today was Mechanics Pavilion. All the sporting events were there, and my mother lived just a few blocks away.



Walter McGrew, shown here with wife Rose in their Richmond District home, was born and spent the first half of this century in Noe Valley. He holds a portrait of his father, Milford McGrew, the source of some of McGrew's fascinating recollections. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

She would go over there, and my father was racing his bike against some man on roller skates. I've got a picture of it downstairs. And he won the race.

"My mother didn't know him, but she bet on him to win. She said that when he went around those turns, the little back wheel was about four feet off the ground! So he won a gold medal for that. That was 1890, and they got married in 1894."

The couple moved to 911 Alvarado St. in Noe Valley, and Walter, the youngest of three sons, was born in 1906.

There's a good chance that it was from his mother that McGrew inherited his

cleverness.

"My mother used to be able to put an American flag out the kitchen window," he says. "There were no obstructions or houses. And my grandfather Morrier used to be able to look from Clipper and Noe, and see the flag out."

The flag, he explains, was the signal for his grandfather "to come up and babysit me when my mother went shopping. I would sit outside in the back yard on his lap. He had a corn cob pipe, and I had to take a puff of the pipe with him."

"No wonder you never wanted to smoke after that!" chimes in Rose, Walter's wife

of 51 years.

McGrew's grandfather lived at 318 Clipper St. (located where James Lick Middle School now stands), with McGrew's aunt and uncle, Ann and Tom Turner. "They had one son and one daughter, Leslie and Ethel," says McGrew. "And Leslie was at St. Paul's—he was a young priest. . . . When James Lick took in the whole block as a playground for the school, 318 Clipper was moved over to the houses and buildings at Day Street. I don't know the address, but they moved

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Walter McGrew Remembers His Noe Valley Boyhood

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the house."

One Christmas, McGrew recalls, his oldest brother, William, was given an accordion. "And he couldn't do nothing with it at all. So George, my other brother, picked it up and started playing with it."

George began taking lessons from "a lady who lived on Hoffman Avenue between Elizabeth and 23rd, and her brother was on the squeeze box circuit playing the accordion. She would be back in the kitchen, and she would have the students play in the front room, and if you made one little mistake, she'd be in killing you. My brother took lessons for one year, and then she said, 'I can't teach you anymore. You know just as much as I do.'"

"He had a gift for it," reflects Rose. "It started with a little squeeze box. And he worked for an accordion factory. He made two of his accordions."

George went on to teach classes of his own. "George had 20 pupils at one time," says McGrew. "And at the Wigwam Theater on amateur night, where people would boo if they didn't like you, everybody was quiet, listening to him."

"He played all of Sousa's marches. He knew every one of them. In fact, John

Philip Sousa dedicated a march to him, and I still have a copy of the sheet music under the front steps here, in a box I rescued from Alvarado Street."

Walter, however, loved the outdoors more than music. As a boy he would "run wild like an animal," he says, because he "just couldn't stand being indoors." He especially loved baseball.

"All of the neighborhoods had teams and played each other. Seymour Drugs at 24th and Castro sponsored a team. So did the Noe Valley Merchants." They formed a semi-pro league, known as "the gang," McGrew says.

But his mother wouldn't let him play—she was more concerned with his studies. It wasn't until 1925, at the age of 19, that McGrew officially joined the roster of the Noe Valley Merchants' team.

After 2½ years playing for the Merchants, he opted to check out another city team. "They played on the South Side Playground, at Bryant Diamond, where the Hall of Justice is now. On the day I went to work out with the team, their center fielder and ninth batter, Gordon Taylor, didn't show up, and the coach said go ahead. The time came for me to bat and Gordon showed up. But I said to the coach, 'At least give me a chance!' Got a triple! Got on the team that night! Best team I was on!"



Walter McGrew's carefully preserved collection of memorabilia includes his first baby shoes; a prayer book that belonged to his mother, Nellie Murray; a lock of hair she clipped from her young son's head at their Alvarado Street home; and the badges he later wore as an employee of the city's Water Department. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

First base and right field were usually the positions played by left-handers, but not for "Mike," McGrew's nickname from his World War I days. He played center field and was the lead-off batter.

McGrew says he followed two rules when he played ball: one, don't learn the names of the players on the other team ("Come on you bum, don't tell me his name. He's my enemy!"), and two, "Beat 'em as clean as you can."

After graduating from Polytech High School and Heald College, McGrew worked as a bookkeeper (doing everything in pen and ink) for Crocker Bank and Commercial Union of London. But in 1936, he decided he'd had enough of sitting behind a desk, and secured a position with the city's Water Department.

He started out painting bridges and clearing brush, and by 1948 was a main

pipe foreman. "Kill 'em with kindness," he would say to his crew when heading out to fix a leak. "Just keep cool."

McGrew's love affair with Rose started on the day he quit one of his earlier jobs at an insurance company, on April 30, 1931. It was during the Great Depression, when grown men were selling apples on street corners, and the ones who couldn't cope, says McGrew, were jumping out of windows to their deaths.

McGrew quit his job on principle, he says, but nevertheless he received a letter of commendation. Later that same day, he joined some friends for dinner, where he met Rose, the daughter of an Italian father who cooked for a living.

"Oh yes," says Rose. "They were very pleased with Walter. They didn't want

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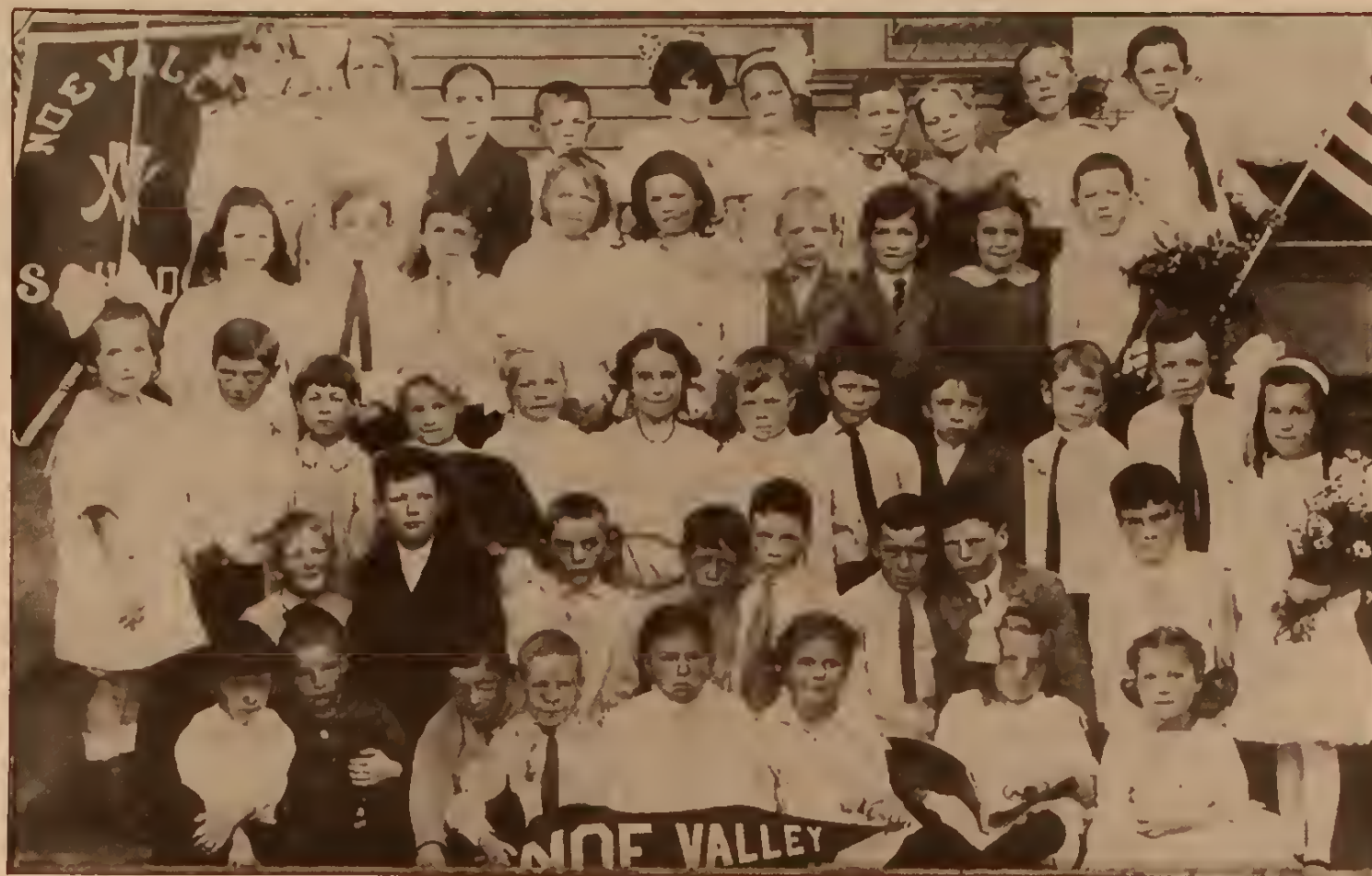
Forty-four years and three children later, McGrew is still chockfull of Noe Valley memories, about everything from its silent movie theaters to public transportation.

"There was the Acme Theater, just below Seymour Drugs at 24th and Castro. And there was the Vicksburg, by where McCarthy's gas station was [Dan's Gas today]. There were silent movies when I was 7 years old.

"They had William Duncan—he was in the first cowboy movie, and the Vicksburg had it for 15 Sundays. I was in bed with the measles, and I missed the 15th show. Mike Stintley lived around 14th and Church. That night after the show, he came up and told me what happened—the train crashes, and the cowboys and Indians. So I missed out with the 15th one! That was July 4th, in 1913.

"The Acme Theater was just about 25 feet wide, and it sloped down, and there was a piano or organ down in front of it with music. And they had sheet metal on the walls. It was ornamental sheet metal; it had designs on it. So when you got seats near the wall and the cowboys would go wild, you'd bang the sheet metal and make all the noise that you could!"

The ins and outs of yesteryear's public transit system are also etched in McGrew's mind. "My mother told me that the number 11 car would come up 22nd and Mission, and then come up Chattanooga Street to 24th. And it originally stopped at Castro Street. Then they extended it to Hoffman Avenue. Twenty-fourth Street was all dirt at the time."



A bow-tied Walter McGrew, fourth from right in the back row, stood with Miss McLane's first-grade class at the Noe Valley School in 1913. The school was located at 24th and Douglass streets.

"They also had the cable car," Rose reminds him. "It went all the way up Castro from 18th to 26th. A cable car—and it came up those hills! All the time."

"The cable car barn and the powerhouse," McGrew continues, "were at Jersey and Castro, northeast corner. The turntable was up at 26th and Castro. And it was the only cable car—I've got a history of all the cable cars in the city—it was the only one that had the fenders on the back—we used to call them 'cow-catchers'—and on the front."

"The kids used to hang on them and sneak rides," confides Rose.

"Some people say it didn't have fenders," says McGrew with a mischievous

grin, "but I know it did, because we were over at the Castro Theater one night, and after the show was over, we came back to 18th and Castro, and we put down the fender. And Lloyd Johnson got in the fender, and we started going up the hills. The fender clipped, and he fell out of it! So there were fenders on there! It was the only cable car in San Francisco that had fenders."

Then he tells the story of a dramatic accident. "My aunt, Ann Turner, and her daughter, Ethel, were going down on New Year's Eve to Market Street to watch the big midnight celebration. The cable car came down Castro Street and was crossing 24th. Well, some kids soaped

the tracks at Hoffman Avenue on the number 11 car, and it ran down 24th Street and hit the cable car.

"They were sitting on the front seats, on the outside, and the car came right in. My aunt had to tell the firemen how to get the saws in to cut the timbers out from under her legs."

Fortunately, his relatives were okay, McGrew says, "and they still went down and saw the celebration!"

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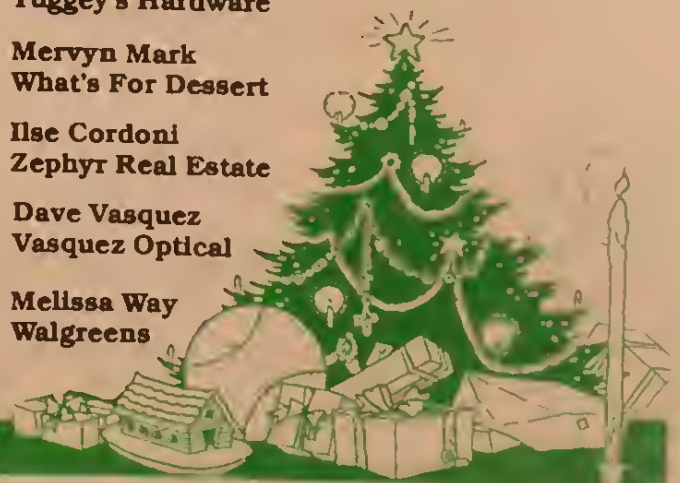
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Collectors Young and Old Find a Trading Card Bonanza

By Steve Steinberg

Remember baseball cards when you were a kid? You got a bunch of them out of packs of bubble gum, which cost 5 cents or maybe a dime. You could also get them out of cereal boxes or candy packs.

You'd get so excited about finding a Willie Mays card or maybe a Mickey Mantle. You'd show them to your best friend, who might want to trade five or six or even 10 of his cards for that special one of yours.

Well, kids can still get trading cards from bubble gum packs (and from cereal boxes too), only there's no more gum in the gum packs—the sugar rots cards, not to mention teeth. And the packs don't cost a nickel anymore—they go for anywhere from \$1 to \$50. Furthermore, collecting them is not just the pastime of 10-year-olds on the corner.

Sports cards—and to a lesser degree comic book super hero cards—are now big business, raking in a billion dollars a year. In San Francisco alone, 25 stores specialize in the buying, selling, and trading of cards. This past Labor Day, 20,000 people showed up at a sports card and comic book convention in Moscone Center. Five hundred dealers from all over the country set up exhibits. And the *Wall Street Journal* recently reported that the value of trading cards was rising faster than that of most common stocks.

In Noe Valley, three trading card dealers—Herb Lilly, Brenda Blankenship, and Jan Helman—share space in a small storefront located at the corner of Church and Duncan streets.

Though each operates his or her own business (Lilly calls his Noe Valley Sports Cards, Blankenship Action Sports Cards, and Helman Alley Cat Jewels), the shop is loosely known as Noe Valley Sports Cards. It celebrated its one-year anniversary in October.

All three entrepreneurs are former real estate agents. Blankenship and Helman worked with Lilly as agents when he headed up his own real estate brokerage, Triumph Realty, on Guerrero Street. But after 10 years, Lilly gave up the business



Herb Lilly and Brenda Blankenship (both behind counter, right), along with associate Jan Helman, have really scored with the kids at their sports trading card shop on Church Street near Duncan. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

in 1991, when sales took a nose dive as a result of the recession.

"Thank God my mother didn't throw away my sports cards when I went to college," Lilly says. His card collection, begun when he was 9, served as the foundation for his new vocation as a professional sports card dealer.

"I always wanted to open a card shop and make a career out of my hobby," he says.

Although Lilly and his two associates didn't open the store to make a fortune, all three of these rather amiable and relaxed individuals say they are now making a living from their trade.

The value of sports cards, notes Lilly, is determined by two main factors: how many of a particular card are in circulation, and how well the athlete featured on a card is doing in his career.

Lilly cites the example of San Diego Padres player Gary Sheffield, who rose to major league baseball stardom this past season. Back in February, one of Sheffield's cards had a value of 60 cents. By the end of the 1992 playoffs, that same card went for \$18.

Typically, the card of a well-known current player, if in good condition, sells for between \$1 and \$5.

But card manufacturers may include a rare card in one of their packs. Lilly notes that a specially numbered card of Ken Griffey Jr., who plays for the Seattle Mariners, is worth \$300. The card is inserted randomly in one of every 200 packs of Donruss "Elite" baseball cards.

Card values can also shift rapidly. If a player puts out a great performance in the World Series, you can be sure his cards will rise dramatically in price.

So how do you know how much a card is worth? Lilly says collectors need to follow an athlete's career and then check his or her cards in the manufacturers' catalogs. The catalogs list up-to-date, computerized card values. The values listed are approximate, however, and other factors such as supply and demand, as well as card condition, also enter into the equation.

The most expensive card Lilly ever personally possessed was one from former Cincinnati Reds star Pete Rose's rookie year. Lilly originally bought it in a 5-cent

card pack and eventually sold it for \$400. It is now worth \$800.

But that's peanuts compared to the value of a Honus Wagner baseball card, first printed for a cigarette pack in the early 1900s. Find one of the half dozen Wagner cards known to exist and you've made a cool \$1 million!

Noe Valley's sports card store also deals in football, basketball, and hockey cards, and sells related posters, pennants, and other sports items.

Blankenship's specialty is football. She recently sold a card of former Chicago Bears great Walter Payton for \$250. Her interest in football began with the rise of the San Francisco 49ers in the early '80s. She noticed that the value of the players' cards went up with each team victory. "There's money to be made in these cards," she says.

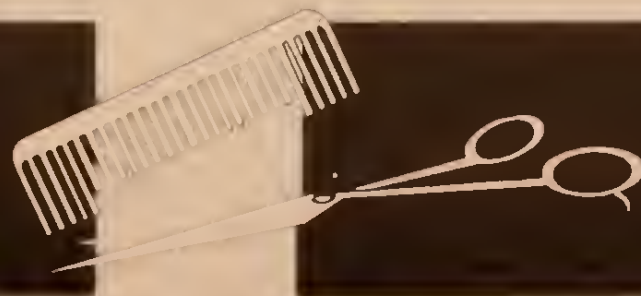
San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana is, understandably, a big favorite in the store. You can buy a current Montana card for as little as \$1, says Blankenship, but his rookie-year card

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Three Super Heroes in the Business of Trading Cards

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now sells for \$195, and she expects the price of the Montana gem to go up to \$400 or \$500 soon. After Montana retires and presumably enters the football Hall of Fame, that same rookie card could be worth thousands, she says.

Picture cards of basketball star Magic Johnson are also hot. A four-card set of "Magic Moments," giving statistics on his 1979-91 NBA career, currently sells for \$6.

Appealing to a somewhat different audience is Jan Helman's selection of comic books and comic book cards, featuring such super heroes as Spider-Man and the Incredible Hulk. ("When I ask the Noe Valley kids why they like Spider-Man so much," Helman remarks, "they say it's because he's not so violent, and he also has a sense of humor.")

Helman, who showcases jewelry and San Jose Sharks paraphernalia as well as cards in her section of the store, says the typical Marvel Comics card sells in the \$1 to \$2 range, but sets can go for as much as \$50. Comic books are also highly esteemed, with one vintage *Incredible Hulk* valued at \$225.

The young customers who buy comic books often treat them "like ancient manuscripts," notes Helman. She says the kids will often buy two of the same issue: one to read and one to collect. In November, dual copies of the special memorial edition of *Superman*, which includes a Daily Planet obituary and a black armband, were flying out the door.

Although comic books are bought by people "ages 4 to 90," says Helman, comic cards appeal mainly to children up to about age 9. "At nine, they switch to sports cards."

The three retailers see real educational benefits for children who collect the cards. "It helps them to read, practice math, and learn how to read graphs,"

says Helman. Blankenship notes that it encourages them to be "neat and orderly." And all three agree that collecting helps people of all ages learn a few solid business practices.

Some adults have come to see card collecting as an investment in their children's future. Valley Street resident Mike Carey spends \$10 to \$20 a month on cards. He has collected them since he was a kid, and now he's collecting them for his own children, hoping the cards will increase sufficiently in value to provide a nest egg for their education. Buying the cards is also "a fun way to invest," Carey says.

It takes time and experience, however, before the card collector gets the knack of wise investing. Lilly says that many young investors will immediately try to trade or sell their cards if they have any value at all. They then use their gains to acquire more packs of cards, trying to find that elusive "star" card.

Lilly says that this approach is a gambler's ploy. The real trick, he points out, is to collect and hold onto rookie cards, putting them in a binder so that they don't become damaged—then to sit back and watch the athlete's career, and the value of his or her card, climb.

As is true with all forms of collecting, the sports card trade is particularly affected by economic downturns. Given the depth of the recession, this past year has not been the easiest time for Lilly, Helman, and Blankenship.

Still, their spirits are buoyed by the belief that their cards will always be worth something to someone somewhere.

Lilly loves to tell the story of the card collector from Ohio who, a couple of years back, sold his collection of 5,000 sports cards for \$70,000 and bought a farm.

So hold onto those cards. "People have collected things since the beginning of time," says Lilly, and you never know when something may be worth more than you ever dreamed. □

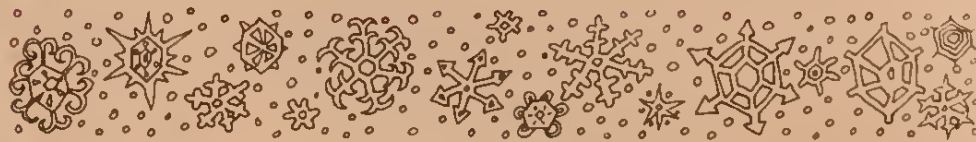
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How to Wish A Happy New Year to Local Schools

By Andrea Alban Gosline

Like their counterparts around the city, the five public schools located in Noe Valley are still reeling from California's 1992-93 education budget cutbacks.

Some neighborhood schools say they cannot afford even the most basic educational tools, such as books and reference materials. Others need computers, math tutors, and library aides, but see little hope of acquiring these "luxuries" through regular channels.

"We are really hurting," says Lynette Porteous, principal of Everett Middle School on Church Street. "You don't realize how much, until the school has a need and the resources aren't there."

Porteous points out that Everett just received a grant for the installation of small libraries in each of its 33 classrooms, as part of a "sustained silent reading" program. But the school does not have the money to buy the shelving units it will need for book storage. And relatively inexpensive spades, rakes, and shovels, which the students use in Everett's courtyard gardens, are not in the budget this year.

Over at James Lick Middle School on Noe Street, the teachers must limit field trips because "buses are prohibitively expensive," reports Principal Mary Lou Mendoza Mason.

To help ease the load, the *Noe Valley Voice* asked representatives of Everett and James Lick middle schools, Alvarado and Fairmount elementary schools, and Kate Kennedy Children's Center/Mission Education Center to come up with their own personalized "wish lists."



Gerita White, Latrice McNealy, Sonali Patel, Marta Flores, Sareth Sok, Jessica Traynor, and Dan Ocampo (left to right) are among the Everett seventh-graders who say their school's courtyard garden won't grow unless they receive donations of such essentials as soil, fertilizer, and gardening tools. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP.

Here are some of the items the schools would welcome from neighborhood residents or merchants—or from any interested benefactor.

Alvarado Elementary School
625 Douglass St.
Contact: Library Resource Teacher Shirley Dimapilis
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- * Reading and research books
- * Children's magazine subscriptions
- * Magazine racks
- * Bean bag chairs
- * A display case

Everett Middle School
450 Church St.
Contact: Assistant Principal Gary Louie
241-6344

- * 33 bookshelves with three shelves each (dimensions: 4' by 3' or 4')
- * Work tables that seat either two or four students
- * Gardening tools, wood to build planter boxes, soil, fertilizer

Fairmount Elementary School
65 Chenery St.

Contact: Principal Jack Martin
695-5669

- * Five Apple IIe computers for the school computer lab

Kate Kennedy Children's Center
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1670 Noe St.

Contact: Site Manager and Principal Gilbert Archuleta
695-5873

- * Guest speakers for Career Days
- * Tutors for all subjects
- * Volunteers to lead children's games
- * A carpenter to build a sandbox for the playground and do utility work
- * Video cassette recorders, televisions, record and cassette players
- * Educational games, puzzles, books, and audio tapes (ages 3-11)
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- * Musical instruments
- * Balls of various sizes, playground toys, and a dollhouse

James Lick Middle School
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Contact: Principal Mary Lou Mendoza Mason
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- * Volunteers—to work in the library, to tutor math and other subjects, to assist in the classroom with reading skills, to assist with lunch-time duty (12:40 to 1:25 p.m.)
- * Mentors to become friends with students
- * Sponsors for the yearbook and for cooking activities in the classroom
- * Businesspeople to sponsor interns for community service projects

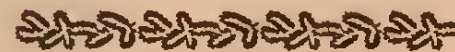
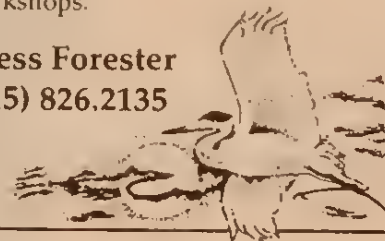
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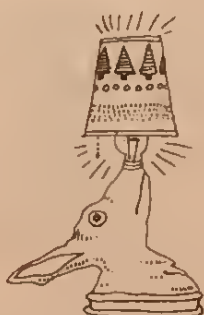
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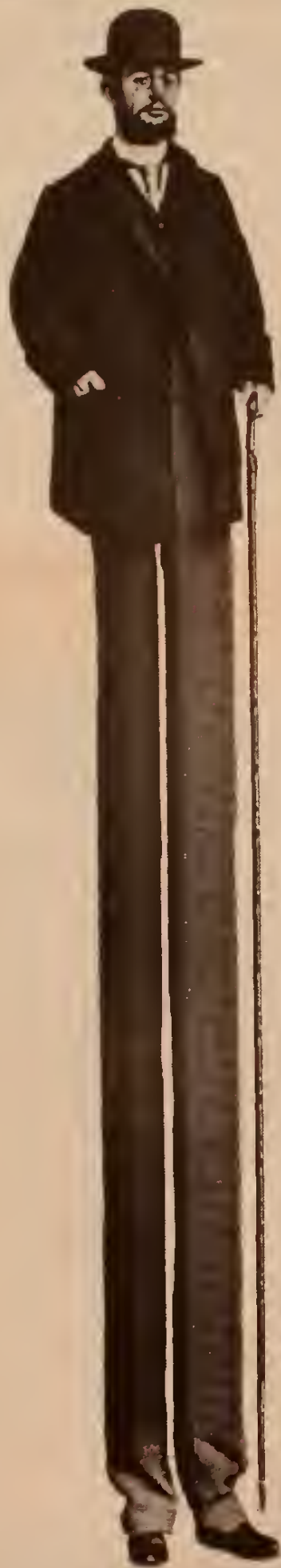
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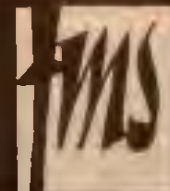
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Mural Gives Church Street A Glimpse Of Paradise

By Stephanie Levin-Gervasi

In 1988 David Smith and Debbie Stone purchased their home at 1079 Church St. The bland, beige stucco building was the fifth house in a row of great Victorians, but it had been stripped of all its Victorian charm. It stood, an ugly wallflower, shoulder to shoulder with its manicured neighbors.

"We couldn't decide what to do with the exterior," recalls Smith. "I hate stucco, but it was too much of a nightmare to transform it back to a traditional Victorian. We vacillated. Finally, a storm trashed the only piece of wood clinging to the building. The upstairs shutters blew off into the night, leaving a pair of rabbit-eared patches. Things were looking grim for the beige stucco."

Shortly after the storm, Stone happened to drive by a mural on a building in Laurel Heights. The painting—of a lush herb garden—beckoned to her. Aha, she smiled, there's the solution to the beige blob.

The couple called the muralist, Nicolai Larsen. He showed up at their front door soon thereafter, brimming with imagination. The first step toward the creation of the tropical mural that now graces their house's facade had been taken.

Both Smith and Stone wanted a picture of a natural setting, a rain forest environment where all the animals dwelled together. And their two children, Joshua and Stephanie, thought that having the only house in Noe Valley with a tropical forest was a splendid idea.

"That's all David could tell me," relates



The view for pedestrians, cyclists, and riders on the J-Church streetcar line has been brightened these days by a colorful rain forest mural, painted on the Church Street residence (near 23rd) of David Smith and Debbie Stone. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

Larsen, a landscape painter with an art degree. "I said, 'Look David, you know the tropic floor is vast, with lots of different habitats and fauna. I need specifics.'"

Smith, however, insisted he had "absolutely no knowledge of landscape painting," and wanted "to let Nicolai fly with his ideas and stay out of it."

Larsen decided to photograph the house, then superimpose his artistic ideas over it. It took a month and a half of finite planning and drawings before the first splash of color washed over the stucco in late September.

"There were times when I thought the sky appeared too surrealistic for my taste, and the jaguar seemed very yel-

low," says Smith. "I trusted Nicolai's artistic judgment, though, and sure enough, the sky faded, and the yellow turned when the jaguar got his spots."

The rain forest mural is just one of many designs done by Larsen and his partner, Ron Loria, who met when working at Marine World/Africa U.S.A. and have been collaborating on projects since 1980. But it's his first mural in Noe Valley, and, he is proud to point out, one that has incurred a great deal of community spirit.

"It was a different type of project for me, because neighbors stopped all the time to add their input," he says. "The snake, for example, wasn't part of the

original plan. I didn't want a snake in paradise. But several neighborhood observers thought otherwise, and so the emerald boa is wrapped around the trunk of the fig tree."

Smith likes to look at it this way: "I own the house, the artist owns the work, but the mural belongs to the entire community."

To truly experience the three-dimensional world that Larsen and Loria have created, you must stand face to face with the mural.

A cascading waterfall, in a spray of rainbow movement, sets the forest back-

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drop. Water pirouettes against a cerulean sky. The massive strangler fig tree supports leafy succulents, each bound atop the other. Intricate epiphytes—orchids, mosses, and lichens—loop through the tree's outstretched limbs, causing the whole arboreal family to droop across the arched entrance of the house.

The jaguar, docile in his native habitat, seems to be surveying the neighborhood. A closer look reveals the markings—small, brown, leaf-like clusters—that set him apart from the other cats in the animal kingdom.

Bright sassy butterflies flutter around the ferns. And a black, lemon-chested toucan perches above the jungle floor.

The fiery red birds soaring through the mural found their way into the scene by accident.

"One day a few local Noe Valley parakeets landed on the wire overhead," recalls Larsen. "The silent audience watched Ron and me paint. Their mere presence insisted that they be part of the mural."

At the end of the rain forest, a three-toed sloth swings freely through a tree. Within his reach, orchids sleep upon spiraling velvety limbs.

A stained-glass window, designed by 22nd Street resident Maxine Karell, will soon become part of the house entrance, blending magnificently with the colorful scene.

And if you walk by the rain forest mural at dusk, notice how the colors and sounds change. Listen closely—the tiny tree frog, often missed by the light of day, serenades at night. □



Aloft in his jungle mural at 1079 Church St., homeowner David Smith surveys the handiwork of artists Nicolai Larsen (right) and Ron Loria. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

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Historian Tracks Rancho San Miguel From Pasture To 'Suburbs'

By Larry Beresford

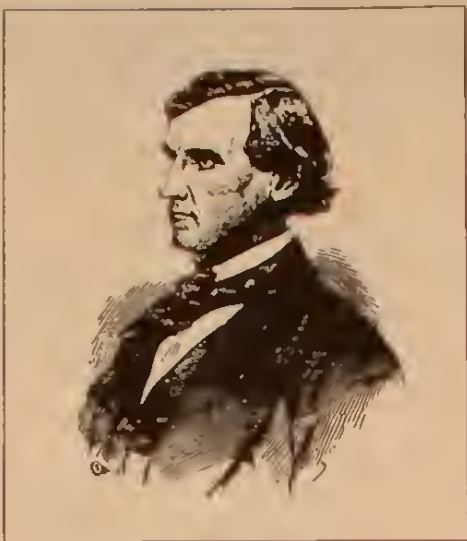
In 1846, near the end of the Mexican period in California's history (1821-1848), a 4,444-acre parcel of land called Rancho San Miguel was granted by California Governor Pio Pico to a Mexican colonist named Jose de Jesus Noe (1805-1862), for whom our neighborhood is now named.

Sprawling across one-sixth of present-day San Francisco from Mt. Sutro and Corona Heights south to the Daly City line, Noe's rancho is the subject of *Rancho San Miguel*, a new book of local history by Mae Silver. Bounded on the east by San Jose Avenue and on the west by Junipero Serra Boulevard, the rancho included all of Noe and Eureka valleys, Glen Park, and Twin Peaks, as well as Mount Davidson, the city's highest point.

Silver, who lives within the rancho's boundaries on Corbett Avenue, last year issued a biography of Noe: *The Last Mexican Alcolde of Yerba Buena, Jose de Jesus Noe* (highlighted in the December 1991 *Voice*). Her new self-published book essentially picks up where Noe's story left off—with Noe selling his rancho in pieces to real estate developers like John Meirs Horner (1821-1912), starting in 1852.

Horner, who had moved to San Francisco from Hornerstown, N.J., in 1846, made and lost several fortunes in agricultural produce and real estate. And during the financial panic of 1857, he lost his holdings in Rancho San Miguel.

But before that happened, he laid out 600 acres of the rancho in blocks and lots, and named the future streets of what was to be called Horner's Addition—present-day Noe and Eureka valleys.



John Meirs Horner, a Mormon from New Jersey, was a real estate developer who purchased part of Jose de Jesus Noe's rancho in 1852. He's included in Mae Silver's new history book, *Rancho San Miguel*.

Silver also traces the rancho's evolution from grazing land for Noe's livestock to the working-class Irish suburbs that provided labor to drive downtown San Francisco's growth. These suburbs eventually settled into the neighborhoods we know today.

"I think we have a lot of neighborhood heroes that we don't know much about, even though they contributed a lot to neighborhood development," Silver says. "Most of San Francisco's written history is downtown history, with the neighborhoods as an afterthought."

She gives as an example a recent *San Francisco Chronicle* article commemorating the 100th anniversary of the city's first electric railroad, the San Francisco & San Mateo Railway, which ran from downtown through the Mission, out Guerrero Street and San Jose Avenue to 30th and Chenery, and again out San Jose Avenue to Holy Cross Cemetery in San Mateo County.

The lengthy *Chronicle* article failed to even mention the railroad's builder, Behrend Joost (1845-1917), Silver points out. A prominent city merchant and developer, Joost lived in his father-in-law Adam Miller's 1864 Victorian farmhouse, still standing at 3224 Market St. (near 19th), and his local contributions are remembered today by his

namesake, Joost Street in Glen Park.

Drawing on a variety of primary sources, Silver's history of Rancho San Miguel emphasizes the stories of a few key persons, settlers of vision and persistence like Horner and Joost, who played large roles in shaping neighborhood development.

From Horner, Rancho San Miguel property made its way in the 1860s to two Gold Rush-era financiers: Francois Louis Alfred Pioche (1818-1872), a Frenchman who made fortunes in wine, banking, and real estate, and started the original Poodle Dog Restaurant in downtown San Francisco; and Lester Ludyah Robinson (1824-1892), a talented engineer who built the first Market Street Railroad in 1857.

Pioche and Robinson developed much of the rancho land using the concept of homestead associations, which gave working people the collective financial might to buy affordable lots for home building.

When Pioche committed suicide in 1872, the rancho was purchased by Adolph Sutro (1830-1898), a German-born mining engineer who built the Cliff House and Sutro Baths out at Ocean Beach and later became mayor of San Francisco. After his death, Sutro's much-litigated estate was eventually parceled out, starting in 1911, by A.S. Baldwin's Residential Company, into neighborhood developments such as St. Francis Wood, Forest Hill, Westwood Park, Glen Park, Miraloma, Monterey Heights, Ingleside Terraces, Twin Peaks, Balboa Terrace, and, finally, Diamond Heights.

Silver, who aims to use historical research to stimulate pride in the city's neighborhoods, is vice president of the San Francisco Historical Society, and is also active in the Friends of the Library and the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods.

Her Noe book, printed in limited quantity, has sold out, although copies can

still be found in the neighborhoods' libraries. A second book, *Old Corbett Road* (a history of hilly, winding Corbett Avenue from 1854 to 1992), as well as *Rancho San Miguel*, can be ordered directly from Silver (260 Corbett Ave., San Francisco, CA 94114, or call 626-1072).

Silver also gives slideshow presentations on her research, including one scheduled for the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St., on Feb. 3, 1993, at 7 p.m.

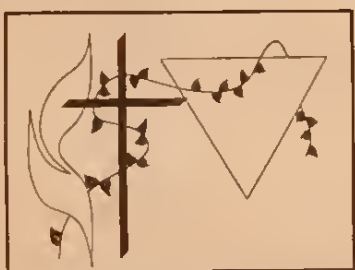
What's next for Silver's historical interests? "I'm reworking my Noe material. I'm now writing Jose Noe's diary," she replies.

Based on her historical research and on Noe's few original letters preserved at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley, Silver's fictional diary "will be an imaginative recreation, taking some license in saying what he might have said, with as valid a coloration as I can give it," she explains. The challenge of reconstructing Jose Noe's personality from the sketchy record, mostly business documents, "takes me back to my old job as a clinical social worker, which required trying to really understand people's behavior."

Silver's research and intuition tell her that Noe must have been a quiet, honest, straightforward man. He was able to serve as the last Mexican *alcalde* (mayor) of Yerba Buena and as an official of the new city of San Francisco.

He also got along well with the upstart new American settlers in the former Mexican colony, no easy task given the prejudices of the day. "I really became a Noe fan," Silver says.

However, Noe was also able to read and understand the handwriting on the wall, including the costs of litigation to protect his property and of policing rancho land against Gold Rush squatters, and the financial conditions that would create the panic of 1857. And that, Silver argues, is why he sold his beautiful rancho in 1852. □



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Steve Ratto is the Community Police On Patrol (CPOP) officer for upper Noe Valley (from Sanchez and Army to Mission and 30th). His number at Ingleside Station is 333-3433.

Keep Alert Over the Holidays

By Officer Steve Ratto

It's been brought to my attention recently that two young women were accosted on Church Street while going to brunch. The suspect walked up to them and began using obscene language. After speaking his piece and calling the two women some words I can't repeat, he demanded money. Talk about nerve!

The suspect is well-known to me, and probably to all of you who shop near 29th and Church streets. He is an alcoholic and drinks all day long. He receives money every month, but drinks it up by the 15th.

As far as I know, he still lives at home in the upper Noe Valley and has for some time. I have booked and cited him several times for being drunk in public. But I have yet to get someone to sign a citizen's arrest form for begging (panhandling).

The technique he uses is called aggressive panhandling. He is one step away from strongarm robbery, where force or fear comes into play. His typical approach is to come up to you and say he needs money for medicine or food. But as soon as you give him a quarter or a dollar, he'll walk right into Veterans Liquors and buy a beer. Or if you don't give money, he'll start swearing. If you become a victim of his begging or verbal abuse and want him arrested, please let me know.

Another suspicious activity I heard about that I would like to pass on to you occurred at about 2 p.m. in the middle of

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the week one day last month. A Noe Valley resident arrived home and opened up her garage door. As she walked into the garage, all of a sudden a young man ran in behind her. The suspect was in his 20s, 5-foot-10, thin build, wearing a jacket with the word "Nike" on the back.

The woman quickly turned around and ran out of the garage. The suspect, realizing his potential victim had escaped, exited a short time later.

When he was confronted by the woman, the suspect told her he was lost and confused. The suspect then left, walking quickly down Day Street from Sanchez. This woman didn't panic, she kept her cool and did the right thing by exiting the garage. The suspect has tried this scam once before, also on Sanchez Street. He followed someone into the entranceway of their apartment building, but ran away when he was confronted.

With the holiday season upon us and the skies getting darker earlier, you must be aware of everything in front of and behind you. Look for persons lurking around doorways or following you. If you see someone suspicious, change directions and go to a neighbor's house. If you're confronted, don't fight, just give the suspect what he wants. Your life is worth more than 20 dollars.

One more thing I thought I should mention is the issue of carjacking. The other night, Friday, Nov. 6, at about 11:30, a victim was stopped at the red light at San Jose and Dolores streets when two men approached his car from behind. One of the suspects pointed a shotgun at the vic-

tim and demanded his vehicle. The victim refused and drove off, heading south on San Jose towards the freeway. The suspects pursued, but lost the car on the freeway.

It's my opinion that carjacking, which started back east, only became a new fad among the criminal types in our city because of the media's showcasing of the crime. Last summer carjacking was occurring at a record pace in Washington, D.C., but there had been no reports of such crimes in our city.

When you drive your car in our city, it's best to follow these steps. Keep your doors and windows locked. Take your house keys off your car key ring, because the suspect could easily burglarize your home while you're stranded.

If you are stopped at a red light or stop sign and get rear-ended, quickly look into your rearview mirror. If the driver exits the car and the passenger moves into the driver's seat, you're about to become the victim of a carjacking. Drive off quickly, even if you must go through a red light. Then go directly to the nearest police station to report the incident. If there's no escape, don't resist, give up your car and report it as soon as possible to the police.

Now that Christmas is coming on, we have to be extra cautious and watch out for suspicious persons. With all the confusion over shopping and everyone in a hurry, you can become victimized very easily. Be safe and be smart.

I wish all of you a safe and joyous holiday season. □

Mission CPOP Officer Lois Perillo covers a beat that stretches from 21st and Grand View to Army and Valencia. To reach her, or partner Lorraine Lombardo, call 647-2767.



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Street Robberies & Home Burglaries

By Officer Lois Perillo

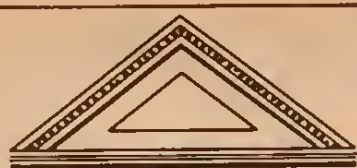
There were three street robberies in Noe Valley during the end of October and the middle of November. A fourth, which ended at Elizabeth and Noe, began at Market and Castro on Oct. 26 at 11:50 p.m., when a cab driver picked up two bearded men.

Upon reaching Elizabeth Street, the suspects grabbed the driver from behind, hit him in the face with a gun, took his money, and ordered him from the cab. This carjacking ended with the driver escaping with a cut on his nose and the police recovery of the cab on 19th Street, between Sanchez and Church.

On Halloween at 4:15 p.m., a man who was walking west on 24th Street from Noe was robbed of \$400 at gunpoint by a 21-year-old man with an accomplice. The victim said he was grabbed from behind and told to "shut up!" as the first man, who had a teardrop tattoo under his right eye, took money from his pocket, while a second suspect held a gun to his head. The robbery complete, the suspects walked west on 24th toward Castro.

What's odd about this case is that we have yet to locate an independent witness, although the incident occurred at a busy time on a busy street. Contact me with any information you may have regarding this case.

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The woman's screams brought help from a pedestrian, who ran after the suspect and grabbed him as he entered a waiting car. The suspect broke free and drove away, but another bystander jotted down the car make and license number (black Ford Pinto).

The quick action of the victim and witnesses in this case helped police find the suspects' car minutes later. Although the driver was the only person on board—he was not the street robber—he was on parole. The driver is in custody awaiting his parole revocation hearing.

Two men were left physically uninjured, but seriously shaken after an incident that took place Nov. 16. At about 9:45 p.m., near the intersection of 21st and Chattanooga, the victims were approached by two suspects brandishing lead pipes and threatening to "beat the shit" out of them if they failed to walk into the J-Church streetcar right of way. The two men complied with the suspects' orders, got down on the ground, and didn't move as the suspects rifled their pockets and took their money, checkbook, and keys. The suspects then ran north along the tracks toward Dolores Park.

In all of the above cases, the victims were not seriously physically harmed. In one case, screaming AFTER the suspect fled drew attention and brought assistance. A whistle or air horn are alternative methods of alerting those nearby. Pick a method (yes, even you men), and prepare yourself to use it. Also, be alert for distress calls and prepare yourself to

react. Employ the scenario method: If this happens, my choices are to...

Emotional fallout or distress often affects those who experience traumatic incidents. Be sensitive to those who have been the targets of crime, especially violent crime. Offer support. Suggest counseling, if appropriate. Most of all, listen to their story.

There Has Been a Marked Increase in residential burglaries in Noe Valley. Garages, in particular, have been targeted. My 24th Street partner, Lorraine Lombardo, and the Mission Station plainclothes unit have been working in the area under cover.

However, PLEASE, PLEASE do your part and secure your home. Also, you might want to encourage your friends and neighbors who might not be regular *Voice* readers (my editor would probably want me to write "shame, shame" at this point) to do likewise.

Replace those old rod garage locks. Board up accessible garage windows. Make sure your home's hinged doors and doorjamb have integrity. Use 1½-inch deadbolt locks and over-sized strike plates with long screws.

Use your porch or hall lights and back yard lighting. Apartment dwellers, know who you buzz in to your building. Neighbors, talk to each other about your comings and goings. Most burglaries happen Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you are alerted to an intruder in your home—either by sound, displaced items, or unlocked doors (which you KNEW that you locked)—then exit your home immediately and call the police from a neighbor's house.

Happy Holidays. As the winter solstice approaches and days shorten, Lorraine and I wish that Noe Valley's home-fire spirit will continue to bring the warmth of community to all.

See you on patrol. □

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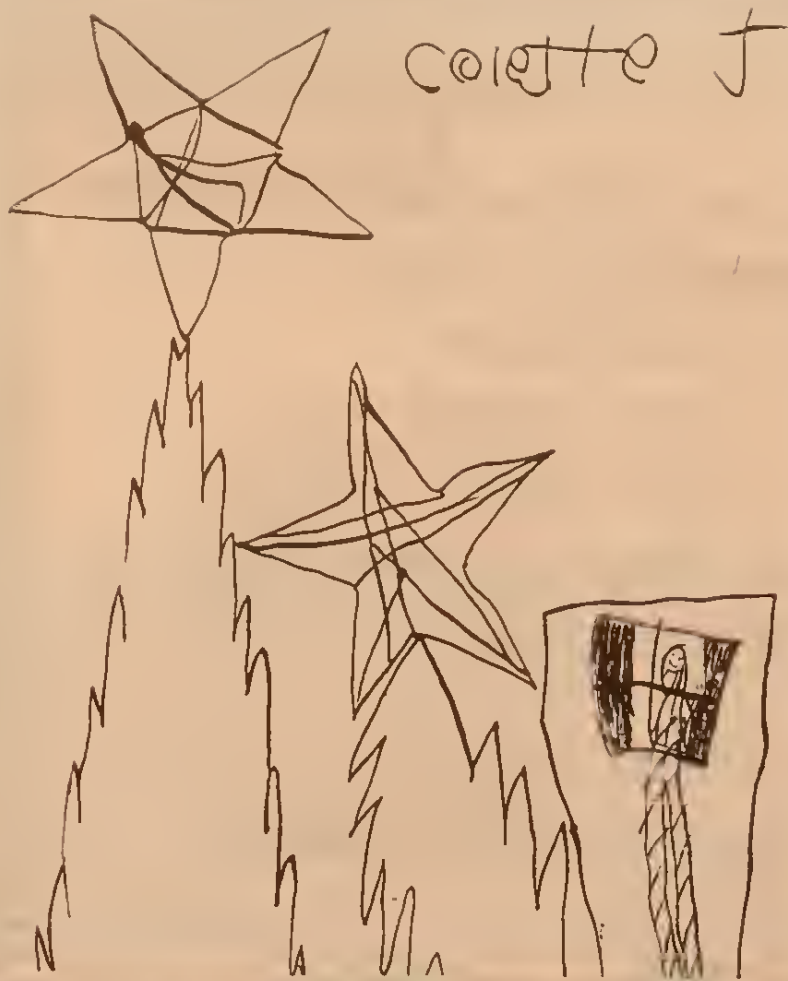
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By Jeff Kaliss

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On the previous evening, Sand was promoting her own brand of humor, in a performance with the Gefilte Fishheads, a group assembled from the improvisational comedy class she teaches at the Jewish Community Center.

"We had a packed house," she reports. "The opening scene featured Dorothy from *Wizard of Oz*. And the vice president of my company, Bentley, played Toto." Bentley is Sand's wheaten terrier and 28th Street housemate—along with husband Norm.

Now Sand has taken her advanced students and established a five-week comedy class at the Noe Valley Ministry, which will culminate in a "Holiday Extravaganza" performance there on Dec. 11.

"Noe Valley is in dire need of lightening up," she maintains. "I didn't realize this until I tried to help the Courtyard Cafe in their quest to start having entertainment." (The 24th Street cafe has repeatedly failed in its attempt to obtain a cabaret license, which it needs in order to host comedy showcases, music, and poetry readings.)

Sand believes that neighborhood opposition to the Courtyard's permit request has been based on fear, and that ironically, "improvisational comedy is one of the strongest fear-busting artistic mediums



Terry Sand and Bentley, president and vice president of Humortech (a company that teaches corporations how to laugh), pose at their 28th Street headquarters. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS.

there is, and something that brings people together."

Comedy served those purposes on a personal level during Sand's childhood in West Los Angeles. She refuses to specify how long ago that was, except to say that she's now "30-something-sort-of." But she's a little more open about her ethnicity, with a comic reference to her blond hair: "I'm from the shiksa [the Yiddish word for non-Jewish] tribe, in case you didn't believe that I'm Jewish [she is]. We wandered in the desert for 40 years trying to be cheerleaders."

Back in real life, "Nana and Grandpa would come over to babysit us, and I'd do a show, 'cause that's how I got my approval," Sand remembers. "But I was really scared that I wouldn't get the affection I wanted unless I killed [i.e., pleased her audience] that night."

"My first guinea pig was my cousin Lonnie, who's my mother's identical twin's daughter. We're three months apart in age. My goal in life was to make Lonnie laugh so hard that she'd have to pee

in her pants."

Her parents were nothing but supportive of their daughter's dramatic development, which evolved into costumed productions in gym class. "My dad's an obstetrician/gynecologist and my mom is the ultimate mum, who's been my costume maker and designer all my life," says Sand. "I used to pretend that my parents weren't getting along so I'd be 'in.'"

At nearby U.C.L.A., Sand studied modern dance and theater, and actually got to play a pom-pom girl in the film *Revenge of the Cheerleaders*. But "I was a funny dancer," she admits. "I loved Martha Graham and Twyla Tharp, and my professors called me an enigma." For her master's thesis, she prepared "a piece of original modern choreography which took place in a psychiatrist's office."

A rekindled romance then took her north. "I re-met my boyfriend from junior high. We'd been this great skateboard and surfboard team, and we could even surf double on his board. He was going to

U.C.'s dental school up here, and I kept coming up to visit him."

She moved to San Francisco in 1977, realizing that "there was much more modern dance going on up here than in L.A., with people like Margaret Jenkins and the San Francisco Dance Theatre." But she soon got "hurled out on the whole anorexic syndrome," split up with the dental student, and took a day job in an employment agency, where she found a surrogate for her cousin Lonnie.

"My goal became to make Audrey, the placement counselor who worked in front of me, go running off to the bathroom laughing."

Sand found a more suitable environment for her latent comic talent at the Holy City Zoo on Clement Street, which was hosting weekly shows by Papaya Juice, an improv group that included Robin Williams. "I started taking improv classes with Jim Crenna from the Committee, John Elk with Spaghetti Jam, and John Cantu. I studied three nights a week for three months. Then Papaya Juice said, 'We have an opening because Robin is leaving [to do *Mork & Mindy*], and we want to add another woman.'"

"In my own mind, I was going to be the first female Robin Williams. I was a master of physical comedy, and there's a warped sense of humor that runs in my family. I kind of turn life into a cartoon when I perform."

Sand got tapped for the group along with Susan Healy, but the two women soon felt that they were making some of their male colleagues uncomfortable. "I think the problem was that we started getting good," says Sand. "They'd make a call for a plumber in a scene and I'd jump into it, not realizing that they didn't intend for us to be so androgynous."

One night Healy, Sand, and fellow comic Theresa Roberts huddled over popcorn in Sand's apartment. "We decided, hey, we don't get enough stage time, and we're as funny as those guys, and we had to do it ourselves."

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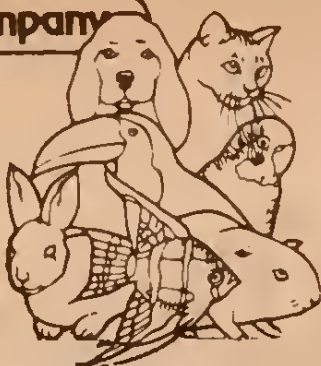
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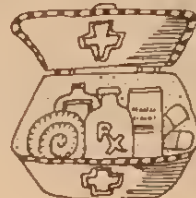
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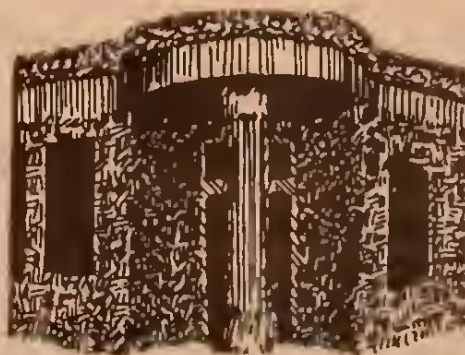
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Terry Sand Says Humor Yourself at Your Job

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That session gave birth to Femprov, which in its seven-year life span grew to include such celebrated performers as Debi Durst, Linda Hill, Jeannene Hansen, Barbara Scott, and Pat Daniels.

"We were women making inroads for other women in comedy and in theater," reflects Sand. "We were making a shift in how we were looked at. And we were such a supportive, democratic group, which is what improv, philosophically, is supposed to be."

On an afternoon in 1985, after an exhausting session at her aerobics day job, Sand turned on *People Are Talking* and realized that the Channel 5 production was losing its warm-up comedian, Frank DeLuna. Still in her leotards, she put together a press packet and rushed it down to the studio, with a dozen helium balloons attached, to literally float it above the piles of resumes. She got the job.

Sand worked at the station, on and off camera, until the show got cancelled in 1989. "By then I was evolving more spir-

itually, because of physical stuff I'd been through with lupus. It's a sister disease to arthritis, where you become allergic to the antibodies in your body," Chuckling, she adds, "I'd been rejected before, but this was ridiculous."

Through guests on *People Are Talking*, she'd become aware of the potential to earn money through public speaking. She arranged to meet with Matt Weinstein, founder of Playfair, which she describes as "one of the best-known humor seminar companies in the country." Weinstein was impressed with her improv credits and just happened to need another corporate speaker. "Three months later," beams Sand, "I was flying around the country."

Over the past couple of years, Sand's clients have included GTE, Charles Schwab, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. "I had a real empathy for the pain people are in in corporate America," she says. "They're not being actualized or acknowledged in the work environment, and they're stuck, because they have kids and they can't get out."

With the employer's blessing, she as-

sembles the victims, gives them rubber fishes, costumes, and noisemakers, and gets them to let their hair down. The goal of Playfair is to carry some of the toys and a sense of humor back to the workplace. Under the aegis of her own company, Humortech, "I try to do more interactive team building with improv, where people get to work on their communication skills."

Setting her own schedule has allowed Sand to come to grips with her lupus. Finding autonomy—and doing it with a smile—has also done wonders for the health of her clients. "You have a laugh, and the endorphins produced have a much greater physiological effect than running a 10K. It lowers your blood pressure, increases your productivity, and has an impact on your muscular-skeletal system by relaxing tension in your body. People have to learn to incorporate humor breaks into their day so they'll troubleshoot and not die from their jobs."

One of her lawyer clients, Norm Newhouse, went on from a seminar to become her husband. But first he had to convince her to move from the Richmond District

to Noe Valley. "I was afraid in the beginning, because it's so culturally diverse," she admits. "I was seeing violin players in front of Holey Bagel in fishnet stockings and garter belts, BMWs and low riders, yuppies and gangs, moms and real alternative families."

But in her 2½ years of residence, she's come to realize that "I have never felt better anywhere, because I'm a little out there too. Everything is a show to me, and everything is very theatrical here. It's a constant show on 24th Street."

"And that's why I'm starting to bring comedy to Noe Valley. It started out with a regular Saturday class for more advanced students, leading to shows about every other month at the Ministry. My goal is to get a beginner's class going, and to form a troupe out of the seniors at the Ministry during the day."

"Someday I want to be 80 years old and be one of these little ladies around here who knows everybody and says, 'Come on up, we've got a gig Saturday night at the Courtyard.'"

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The suggested donation for this event is \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and children. Free parking is available. For further information, call Mission Dolores at 621-8203.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m., the Noe Valley Ministry will host a concert by Concentus, an ensemble of the San Francisco Bach Choir, directed by David Babbit.

This concert, which is a benefit for the 1993 season of the Ministry's chamber music series, will feature music from the Middle Ages to the 20th century, including Spanish Renaissance carols and traditional seasonal music.

General admission is \$10, and \$8 for seniors and students. The church is located at 1021 Sanchez St. For more details, call 282-2317.

SHORT TAKES

Senior Quilt Exhibit

At the 30th Street Senior Center, located at 225 30th St. between Church and Dolores streets, seniors have been busy designing and sewing a collection of baby quilts.

They created the quilts during a quilt-making class taught by California Arts Council artist-in-residence Joy-Lily, and are planning on donating them to needy children in the community during the holiday season.

If you'd like to see their handiwork, drop by the center Dec. 1 to 18, when it will be on display in an exhibit called "Para los Niños" on the third floor.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For further information, call 550-2210.

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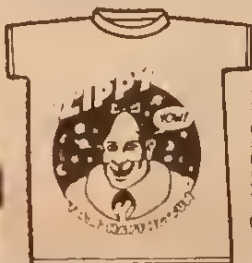
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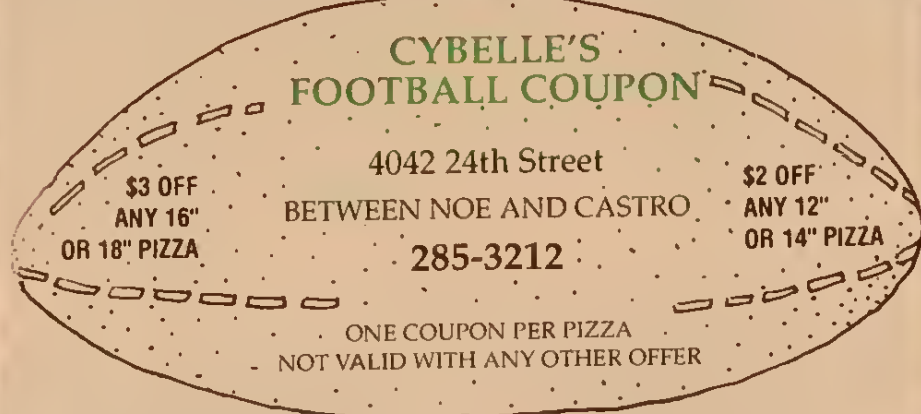
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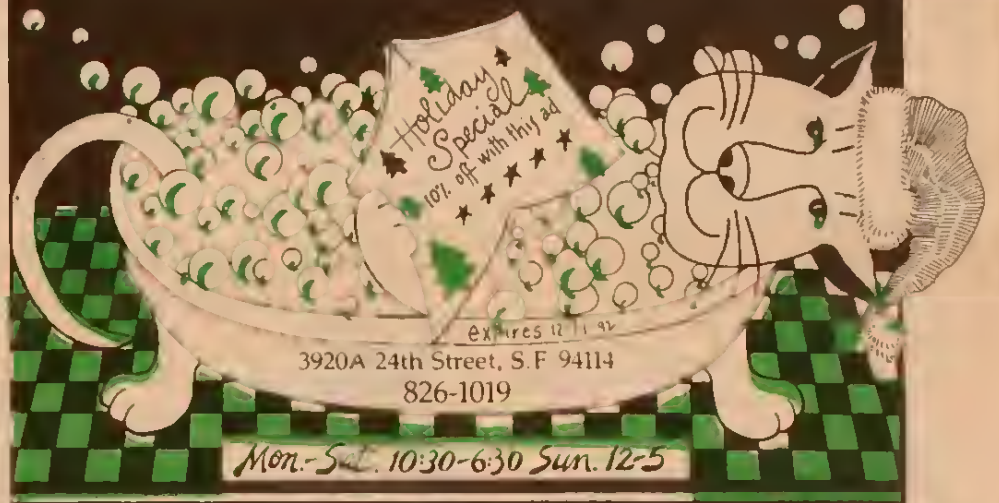
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By Michael Eisman

The grass is greener on the Upper Noe Recreation Center's playing field these days, thanks to a \$100,000 reseeding program recently completed by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

But more than a few disgruntled neighbors have been wondering why the field, located at Day and Sanchez streets, is still off limits, even though the new grass has grown in.

Willie Hunter, the groundskeeper at Upper Noe, explains that the playing field must remain fenced off until at least next spring, so that the root system in the area, which was replanted from May to September, can fully develop.

"In the long run, the neighbors will have a much better field to play on," he notes, adding that "they are in agreement about this, and even helped put up the fence" to protect the new grass.

According to Upper Noe Rec Center Director Chris Borg, keeping sports enthusiasts and others off the playing field is a constant effort. "I recently saw someone playing golf there," she says, "and I had to throw him out."

Dog owners, however, have been the most frequent violators of the new rules. "Dog owners seem to be the most upset," Borg adds, even though Upper Noe "is not an established dog run area."

Borg directs dog walkers to Glen Park, Dolores Park, or the upper level of Douglass Park—the three closest official dog exercise areas.

The project, which included hydroseeding and the installation of automatic sprinklers and drainage pipes, was funded with Open Space funds administered by the Recreation and Park Department.

"A lot of money was spent" to improve the playing field, says Hunter. "Let's just hope the public thinks it's worth waiting for."

The Upper Noe Recreation Center also includes a gymnasium, a kitchen, an auditorium, basketball and tennis courts, and a children's playground. It is staffed on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

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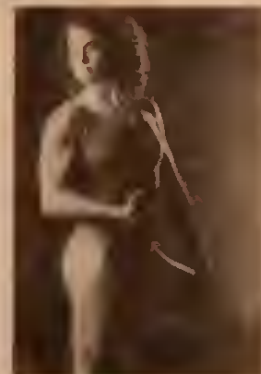
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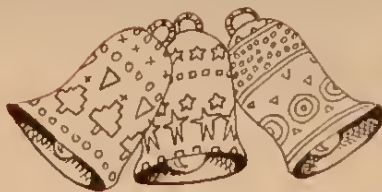


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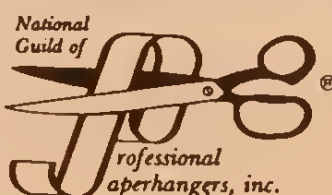


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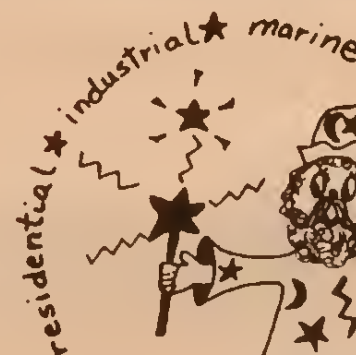
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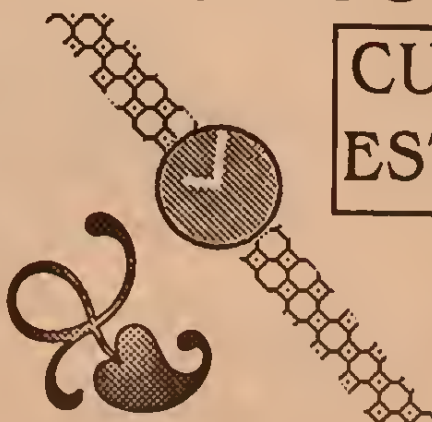
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New Minister Takes Over At Bethany

By Steve Steinberg

A new minister, with an agenda for social activism, has taken over the pastorate of Bethany United Methodist Church.

Karen Oliveto became pastor this past July of the popular church, located at Clipper and Sanchez streets. She replaced Kim Smith, who had been asked by the Methodist bishop of Northern California to become pastor of a church in Berkeley. (Methodist pastors are appointed to their positions by their bishop, who tries to match a minister's skills with the needs of a particular congregation.)

Oliveto, 34, was not unfamiliar with Bethany, however, having worshiped there for over two years prior to becoming pastor. She also interviewed with her new congregation after her appointment, to make sure she and church members were well suited.

Before coming to Bethany, she was a campus minister at San Francisco State University.

Born in New York State, Oliveto was raised in a Long Island town with the

rather ominous name (for a future minister) of Babylon.

Her parents were not particularly religious, she recalls, but her mother wanted her children to have at least some exposure to a religious education. So when Oliveto was around 5, she and her two younger sisters were sent to Sunday School.

Oliveto found the experience very meaningful. "It seemed to offer a lot of guidance on how to live the rest of the week," she says.

By the age of 12, Oliveto had decided upon the ministry as a calling. In high school she was very involved in religious activities.

After graduating from Drew University in New Jersey with a degree in psychology, Oliveto moved west to Berkeley, where she attended the Pacific School of Religion and received a master's degree in divinity.

In 1985 she was ordained a minister in the Methodist Church.

Her first ministerial position took her back to New York, to a tiny, rural community of 250 people in the Catskill Mountains. Besides serving as the local minister, she also drove the town ambulance.

Returning to California, the young minister found her true niche in the socially active communities of the Bay Area.

Oliveto, who is currently studying for a Ph.D. in Religion and Society, has always believed in the match of religion



Karen Oliveto stands at the corner of Clipper and Sanchez, opposite the site of her new ministry at Bethany United Methodist Church. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

and social activism. In her view, "one of the acts of faith is to do the work of justice."

She particularly enjoyed the sense of activism at San Francisco State, especially since it involved a multicultural community.

At Bethany she has found a similar environment. Bethany's 100-member congregation is 40 percent gay and lesbian, and also has a large Filipino contingent, as well as many young straight couples. The average age of the congregation is under 40, she says.

The church is also fortunate to possess a "strong spiritual foundation and real sense of family," she says. Now, Oliveto feels, the congregation needs to move out beyond itself and do "good work" in the community.

To that end, church members are, among other things, helping out in homeless shelters, participating in a program to provide meals for AIDS patients, and

offering its gym facilities to young people.

Children are a special concern of Oliveto's. She feels strongly that the church must pick up the slack in areas such as education and recreation, where cutbacks in public funding have meant "less enhancement" of children's lives. "The church needs to provide a safe alternative to young people," Oliveto says.

Besides reaching out to the community, Oliveto also wants to make certain that Bethany remains an "inclusive congregation," excluding no one, either by chance or design, from its ranks. In keeping with that goal, she notes, the church needs to provide greater accessibility to the disabled.

Oliveto thinks Noe Valley is a great community and lives here in a church-owned house. Her desire, she says, is to become a "part of this place and walk with people on their journey." □

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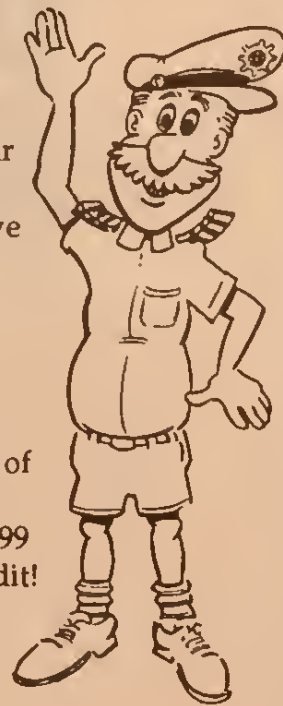
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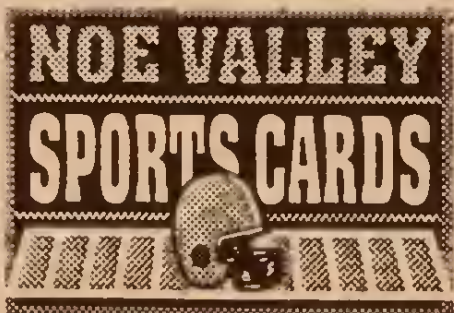
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Up until my early 50s, I had breezed along through life without a thought of owning an automobile. (One reason was that I didn't need to—because my man Leo provided me with transportation for the weekly shopping.) But in 1974, at the age of 55, I realized how helpful a driving daughter would be for my 85-year-old father, who had lost his driver's license and was having trouble getting around on arthritic knees.

This led me to enroll in a driving school, which gave me the confidence to buy my first car.

That car was a used 1968 Ford Mustang, with deep red upholstery and a handsome off-white exterior—and it was love at first sight. The owner of the car was asking \$750 "as is," and although the vehicle had already traveled over 100,000 miles, I snapped it up and happily drove home.

In the following months, as numerous young men chased after me yelling that they wished to buy it, I realized that my car was somewhat of a collector's item. But it was not for sale... ever! I would just as soon have sold my children.

Of course, I did put a few dents in it before I learned to judge the proximity of a slab of cement, but that didn't discourage me. Whenever it boiled over or refused to budge, I drove it or had it



towed to the nearest gas station, usually Dan's on 24th Street, where my Mustang received tender loving care. I was there so often that we were all on a first-name basis. They also got to know me at S & C Ford, too, where the parts man got replacements for whatever fell

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apart. He sent all the way to Los Angeles just to obtain the matching red armrest because, as he put it, "You take good care of your car."

That was true. I didn't even allow anyone else to wash it.

But I did have a maintenance problem: because we have no garage and must park on the street, people kept running into my fenders... honestly.

The first time, a delivery truck lost its brakes on our steep hill, slid backwards, and smashed into the rear end of my car, which was parked in front of our house. I heard the crash while sitting in the kitchen drinking my morning coffee. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the driver was insured.

The second time, a man who had just put air in his tires backed his van into my left front fender. He apologized profusely and paid for the repairs, though.

The third time, just a few years ago, a young lady making a righthand turn from the left lane rammed into my rear left fender, resulting in more body work and a paint job. While I was at it, I ordered a new bumper to replace the old one, which was beginning to show a trace of rust.

Automobiles lacking a garage are also vulnerable to thieves. The first time my car was broken into, they stole only the battery, which I noticed was missing when the ignition didn't respond. We bought a new one, along with a link chain that we used to lock the hood to the steel frame below, so no one could get inside.

The next episode occurred several years later. I looked out one morning to admire my beautiful Mustang, and it was gone! We called the police station, and they sent out an officer with papers

to be filled out. The officer was not reassuring, however, so Leo (trying to think like a car thief) went out the front door, down the hill, and turned the corner. There he found my car, unharmed, at Hill and Church streets.

Leo surmised that the culprits had used a coat hanger to open the door, then coasted down the hill, planning to hot-wire the car, but were foiled by the chain and lock, and so abandoned their attempt. When Leo got back, the policeman had not yet finished making his report.

We immediately removed the plungers on the doors, which had allowed those pilferers to break into the car with a coat hanger. And to discourage further break-ins, we installed a J-bar that locked the steering wheel to the brake pedal, and was clearly visible to anyone with ulterior motives.

We were uncomfortably aware that this particular Ford model was popular among car thieves, but since we lacked a garage, we could only make sure that it was always parked in front under a bright light, and hope for the best.

But on Sept. 13 of this year, when at daybreak I looked out to make sure my classic car was still there, I found only an empty space. After trembling for 30 minutes, I decided to accept my loss gracefully. I reminded myself that I no longer used it much, and that automobile emissions were damaging the ozone layer and the air we breathe—so why own a second car? Besides, it had served its original purpose for as long as my father lived.

We reported the theft to the Mission District Police Station, and the next day were informed that my Mustang had been found abandoned on Ebert Street—after suffering a major "strip."

And that wasn't the only bad news. To add insult to injury, the city was charging us for towing and storage! Fortunately, we were given a waiver of the fee at the Hall of Justice, where we also got a release form. That enabled us to claim or dispose of the car, which was being stored at Pier 70 at the end of 22nd Street. There we waited until it was brought out from the huge metal building by a forklift and set down for us to examine.

The hood was slightly askew, so we could peer into the vast chasm beneath it. Every part—the engine, radiator, transmission, and every piece of metal, hose, or wire—had been removed. The door locks and the J-bar lock had been reamed out with some kind of power

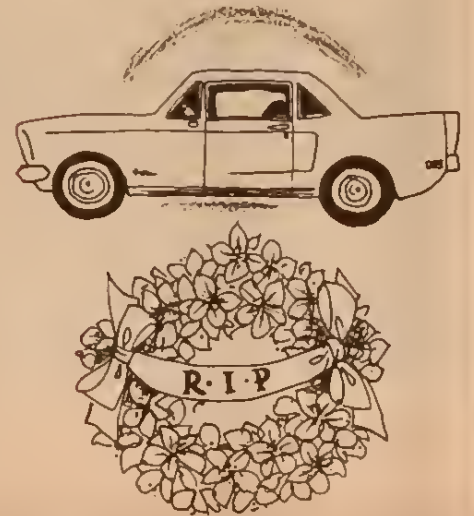
tool, and the chrome trim on the outside (except, oddly enough, for the new chrome front bumper) had been completely stripped off.

We imagined that during the wee hours of that fateful night, the car was hoisted onto a flatbed truck or a van, taken to a place where there was ample light and electrical power, and quickly disassembled. Then, with wheels and front bumper still intact, it was towed to a lonely street before daybreak.

As we stood at Pier 70 assessing the damage, a young man in a white jumpsuit expressed interest. He told us that his girlfriend had the same model Ford, but with a battered body, and that she would be willing either to sell us the inner workings of her car, or to buy what was left of our car, which was in excellent condition.

At that moment, however, we were unable to make a decision, so we walked up the incline, then looked back at the sea of battered jalopies (battered, with the exception of one beautiful, white Mustang). My car, in fact, with its shiny new bumper and the hood only slightly out of kilter, looked very much like a jewel in a junkyard.

I decided, finally, to part with my pride and joy. With no garage to guard against the same thing happening again, I just couldn't justify taking the risk.



Early the next morning I tearfully signed over the pink slip to the towing company, so that my Mustang could be auctioned off.

I would like to think that the man in the white jumpsuit has acquired the well-preserved body of my car, with which to replace the banged-up frame of his girlfriend's car, and also that somewhere, a pampered, ailing Mustang is receiving a recycled transplant of vital parts, just as mine did so often during the past 18 years.

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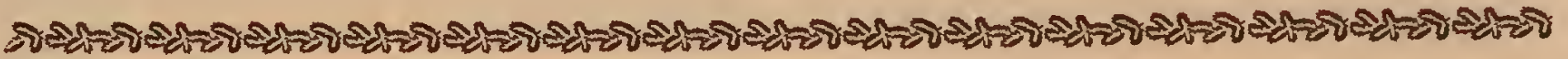
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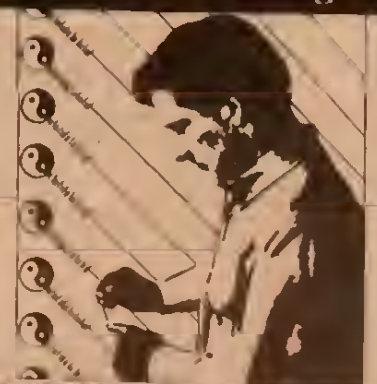
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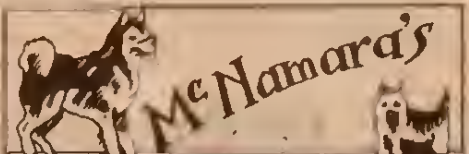


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We need to hire more beat cops, fire-fighters, and environmental cleanup crews, not to mention public works employees, to fix up our crumbling "infrastructure."

We need generals to combat the depletion of the ozone layer (which some credible alarmists say could come as soon as 2030), and to develop an electric train network crisscrossing the country.

We also need a surgeon general to drop the bomb on the AIDS virus.

We need to get medical problems like drug abuse, and social problems like prostitution and gambling, out of the criminal justice system, and leave the jails to the violent sociopaths. (It costs as much to keep an inmate in San Quentin as it would to send him to Stanford University.)

Most of all, we need you to stick to the promises you made during the campaign. The citizens of Noe Valley are ready and willing to help, so we hereby invite you to hold a town hall meeting in our neighborhood at your earliest convenience.

Let's work together to turn this thing around. Yours truly, Mazook.

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NOE'S VOTE TALLY: Those of you who have gotten this far in the column will no doubt delight in seeing how Noe

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Valley residents performed at the polls.

Of the 19,609 Noe Valleons registered to vote, 14,254 (72.6%) actually did. The record shows 1,239 votes (8.8%) went to Bush (so long, Mr. President), 1,013 (7.2%) to Perot, and a whopping 11,730 (83.6%) to Clinton—almost double the national popular vote. Citywide Clinton got 72.4%, Bush 17.8%, and Perot 9%.

In the U.S. Senate races, 11,715 of you voted for Barbara Boxer, and a mere 1,405 for Bruce Hershensohn. Our city mother Dianne Feinstein scored 12,213 votes in Noe Valley, to John Scymour's 1,137.

The top six vote-getters in the city supervisors' race were Sue Bierman (7,488), Cleve Jones (7,190), Angela Alioto (6,942), Terrence Hallinan (6,722), Jim Gonzalez (5,760), and Jose Medina (5,608). Also rans (in Noe Valley): Willie Kennedy (4,755), Barbara Kaufman (4,526), Tom Hsieh (3,640), and Richard Hongisto (2,959).

It's interesting to note that the ballot measure against aggressive panhandling, which passed citywide, went down to defeat in Noe Valley, with 6,821 voting no and 5,803 yes.

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JUST BACK FROM ARKANSAS is Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, and she reports that "there were more Clinton/Gore signs in the Castro and Noe Valley than in Little Rock."

Achtenberg was an early Clinton supporter, and was serving along with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi as one of 60 or so national co-chairs for the Democratic presidential campaign.

In the first few weeks after the election, rumors were flying that Roberta would leave her seat on the Board of Supes to take a job in Clinton's new administration, thereby opening a vacancy for Mayor Jordan to gleefully fill in S.F.

"It's too early," says Achtenberg, for her to rule an appointment out. "But the only way that I would go back to Washington would be if I was offered a position in which I would have great impact, and do more for us there than here."

She also assures Noe Valleons that "Clinton is intent on keeping the grassroots support that got him elected, and we have not heard the last of citizen participation."

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DEMO DERBY: The Noe Valley Democratic Club's Nov. 18 meeting at the Noe Valley Ministry was quite a draw. About 75 people showed up to get the post-election spin from KRON-TV's Belva Davis, Tim Redmond, representing the *Bay Guardian*, and S.F. pollster David Binder. Also in the audience were Supervisor Terrence Hallinan, Supervisor-elect Sue Bierman, and City Treasurer Mary Callanan.

In her remarks, Belva Davis said she was pleased that this really was the year of the woman. "You see a decline of white male power in politics, and a de-emphasis on macho-politics in foreign affairs."

Tim Redmond, who just moved to Noe Valley (24th Street) from the Western Addition, said he was "bothered" by the local results, however. "It was not a good year for coalitions. Everyone seemed to be voting in their own little area—for example, African Americans didn't vote for Asian Americans."

Redmond argued that further fragmentation in the electorate could lead to "an all-white Board of Supervisors by 1997, something that seems impossible in a city with so many different people of color." What's Tim's Rx? A return to district elections. (Remember when Harvey Milk was our District 5 supervisor?)

David Binder displayed graphic proof of Redmond's observations, by showing San Francisco precinct maps color-coded according to voting patterns in the supervisors' race. The map looked like an unsolved Rubik's cube.

By the way, when asked whether he thought Achtenberg was on her way to Washington, Redmond said, "No, I don't think so. After all, she has a wife and child here in San Francisco, and it would take something very, very important to cause her to leave."

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ARE THOSE JINGLE BELLS ringing in your head? It could be because Christmas is on the horizon, and you still haven't figured out what you're giving whom. Well, here are some suggestions for unique gift items proffered by merchants in Downtown Noe Valley.

Ocean Front Walkers, on 24th Street

between Noe and Castro, has some great bacon-and-eggs print pajamas (\$38) and nightshirts (\$36), which would surely be the envy of patrons at Herb's Fine Foods.

Next door at the Wooden Heel, you can find a full assortment of environmentally safe shoe care products (stocking stuffers, anyone?), ranging from \$2.25 to \$4.95. The non-toxic shoe polish and leather balm (made without trichloroethane—sure, I know what that is) hears the Punch label, and comes from Cork, Ireland.

An energy-saving stocking stuffer can be found at Tuggey's Hardware, at 24th and Sanchez. It's a fluorescent light, which can be stuck in an incandescent fixture, that converts about 18 watts into 75 watts of output. Moreover, Tuggey's owner Dennis Giovannoli is selling this \$25 item for just nine bucks.

Nearby Global Exchange has a winner in the unusual arts and crafts category. This year the shop offers a recycled-tin briefcase, with a beer can lid exterior and an interior lined with pictures of the Virgin Mary. That goes for \$154.

Across the street at Panetti's, there's a large ceramic soup tureen in the shape of a giant frog, to liven up the dinner conversation. (The ladle is the frog's tongue.) The price tag is \$400.

Out of Hand, on Castro near 24th, is featuring "Kenzans," handmade ceramic vases by California artist Michael Lambert, which sell for \$38-\$44.

You can find some arty jewelry called "Sceptcha" at Designers Club Too (24th and Sanchez). The pins, earrings, and bracelets take the form of humans, not frogs, and go for \$32 to \$55.

For book art, check out Phoenix Books at 24th and Vicksburg for your copy of *Scar Strangled Banger*, by Hunter Thompson and pal/illustrator Ralph Steadman. It's \$9.95.

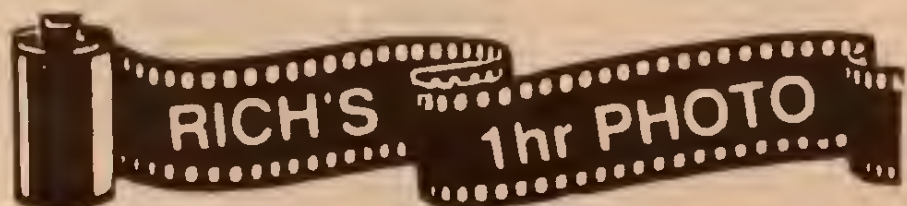
Porto Bello (in the Noe Valley Mall) has some upstanding furniture art, like the Italian wrought-iron antique table with a solid wood top going for \$299. Or maybe a five-pronged iron candelabra (\$32) is more your speed.

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FOR THE KIDS, and the bathtub, may I suggest a non-toxic Rocking Crazy Duck, available at Common Scents for \$4. It comes with a magnetic wand that sends the duck sailing over sudsy waters.

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A Datebook With Portraits Of Women Of Color

By Grace D'Anca

Portraits of more than 50 women of color adorn the pages of a new bilingual datebook, the *La Morena Women of Color in the Arts 1993 Calendar*, edited and produced by Noe Valley resident Gwen Carmen.

For the second year in a row, Carmen—an actress, writer, storyteller, and elementary school teacher—has put the datebook calendar together to help raise money for a lecture and writers' workshop series for low-income people in the East Bay. The project is an offshoot of Carmen's Berkeley-based newspaper for women of color, *La Morena*.

"The calendar is designed to inspire women of color, to give people a voice who often don't have one," says Carmen. "It's about goodwill and sisterly love. Though it illustrates women of color in the arts, the calendar isn't meant to exclude anyone. People of all colors worked on the production. The idea is that in the '90s, with the new administration, everyone's going to have to work together."

The 56-page, desk-size datebook features photos and biographies, in English and Spanish, of Asian, African-American, Hispanic, and Native American women representing numerous arts disciplines, including visual art, writing, dance, performance art, music, rap, and arts administration.

Some of the women are of international stature, such as choreographer and actress Debbie Allen. A few are young, 8-year-old Laotian dancer Wendy Throng among them.



Blanche Brown, a Bay Area choreographer specializing in Haitian dance, is among the 50 women featured in the 1993 *La Morena Women of Color in the Arts Datebook Calendar*. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS.

Many are well known within the Bay Area arts community, including Noe Valley resident Rhodessa Jones, an actress, dancer, and director. Comedian Marga Gomez, a long-time favorite of Noe Valley audiences, is also featured.

In the neighborhood, the datebook is available at Cover to Cover Booksellers, Global Exchange, and Phoenix Books & Records, all on 24th Street. It sells for \$10. □



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YEAR-END ITEMS: A benefit for Project Open Hand, held on Halloween at Chloe's Cafe at Church and 26th, was a howling success. According to cafe owner Steve Baker, the event raised \$1,000 and also netted the Open Hand program a number of volunteers to cook and deliver food to those in need.

Open Hand founder Ruth Brinker came by and spent more than an hour talking with those in attendance. "We are going to make this an annual event," says Steve. "It makes everybody at Chloe's feel good, and the time has come for everyone to do something."

Speaking of benefits, there will be a Noe Valley Music—sponsored all-star performance Jan. 2 at the Noe Valley Ministry, to benefit the church's building fund (roof repairs urgently needed). At press time, such local luminaries as Marga Gomez, Geoff Hoyle, Alex De Grassi, Merle Kessler, J. Raoul Brody, Tom Darter, PMS, and Brian Lohmann had lined up to strut their stuff. The show starts at 8:15 p.m. Be there or T-square.

The hottest rumor rumbling through Noe Valley last month was that Hollywood might return to Church Street to make a sequel to *Sister Act*, starring Whoopi Goldberg. This rumor was spawned by the news, reported in the movie trade



Chloe's Cafe on Church Street turned Halloween into a festive fundraiser for Project Open Hand, collecting \$1,000 and a number of new volunteers for the home food-delivery service. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

magazines, that Whoopi recently signed a \$7 million contract for "Sister Act II." Robin Eickman, of the S.F. Film Commission, tells us, however, that she's had no word to date, and that it's too soon to speculate whether Disney is coming back.

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AND NOW for a few end-of-the-year Rumors' Riddles:

1. Is it true that Janis Joplin once lived in Noe Valley, and where exactly?
2. Why did Tien Fu close its restaurant on 24th Street? (The bar's still running, however.)

3. How many turkeys were donated by Drewes Market customers to St. Anthony's this Thanksgiving?

4. What's going to occupy the spot vacated by Security Pacific Bank?

Talk about these questions amongst yourselves because you won't get the answers until February, when the next issue of the *Voice* rolls off the presses.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous new year. And remember, whatever ye put into your community, so shall ye reap. C'mon, Noe Valley, get involved in '93! □

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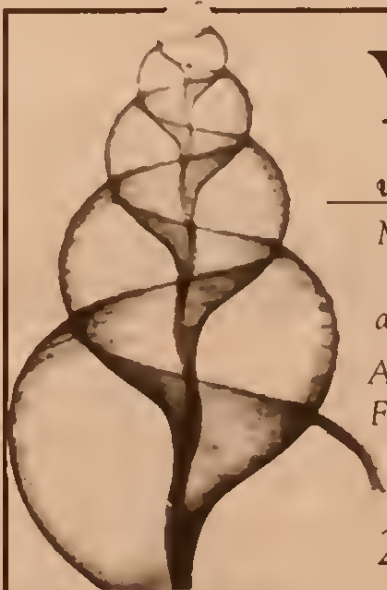
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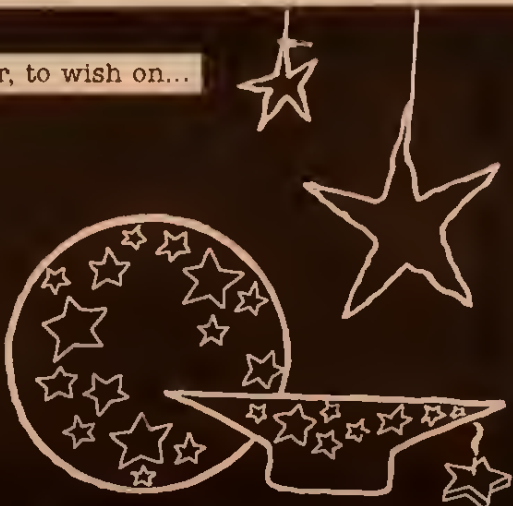
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By Jane Underwood

Amy Louise Williams

Fountain Street residents Susan and Dan Williams are proud to announce not only the birth, but also the subsequent growth of their daughter, Amy Louise Williams.

Amy was born on Oct. 19, 1991, at 11:58 p.m., and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Today, says Susan, her 13-month-old little girl "weighs 21 pounds and is quite tall, 29 inches—she's so graceful, we've decided she's gonna have to be a dancer."

Amy has just learned to clap her hands, drink from a cup, and is also, adds her mom, walking (she started early, at 10 months) and talking a lot, "but the only real words she knows are 'oh wow,' 'ooooh,' 'dada,' and 'hi.'"

Her daughter's big thing now is books, and her favorite is *Corduroy*, says Susan. "It's about the teddy bear with the missing button. And she has a couple of pop-up books that she squeals over."



Dan, Susan, and little Amy Louise Williams bubble over with family fun at their Fountain Street home. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS.

"I can't wait to come home and play with her," says Dan, who works as a general contractor and cabinetmaker. "I read her books a lot, and we do a fair amount of roughhousing. She loves to be chased after and tackled, and to be flown around."

Susan, a former kindergarten teacher (currently staying home with Amy and working part-time as an administrative assistant), and Dan, who are both 38, met at a party in Noe Valley. "We were introduced by a mutual friend," says Susan. "It was kind of a set-up." They

fell in love at first sight, she adds, noting, "I don't think our friend realized it was going to work out so quickly and so well."

The couple married and moved to Noe Valley a little over three years ago, and have been having "a heck of a lot of fun," says Dan, since Amy's arrival.

"We always did like to stay home a lot," he remarks, "and now we just have an even better time staying home."

They've even been getting plenty of sleep. "I was totally prepared to be a zombie for two years," laughs Susan,

"but Amy has slept through the night since she was 6 weeks old."

"She's just a sweetheart," says Dan.

"And very loving," says Susan. "She smiles a lot, and is very people-oriented. not an adventurer. She cuddles and clings to us until she feels safe, and then starts to venture forth."

After focusing on her career for 15 years, Susan says she's delighted to have changed her emphasis to childrearing and parenting. "It's just a whole different way of life," she says. "It's like starting a new job—everything's exciting and a discovery."

"Probably the biggest change has been the kind of conversations I have now. I pretty much talk only about her and what she does. I must be pretty boring to most people, but not to my husband, I hope. But then, he pretty much talks only about her to me, too."

"I was very doubtful about becoming a father," admits Dan. "And I was surprised that I liked it so much. It's fabulous. Everyone should experience it." □

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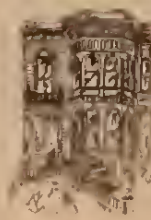
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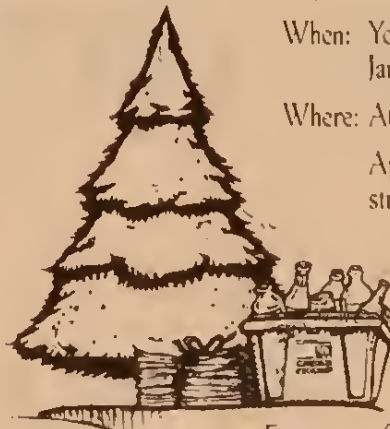
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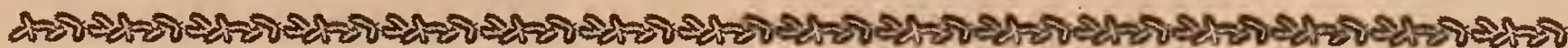
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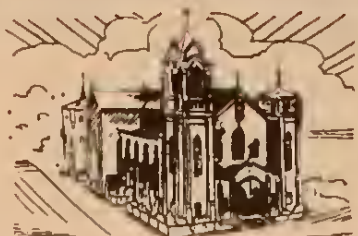
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DEC. 1-18: "Para Los Niños" is an exhibit of 8A8Y QUILTS designed and sewn by members of the 30th Street Senior Center. 9 am-4:30 pm. California Pacific Medical Center Senior Services, 225 30th St., 3rd floor. 550-2210.

DEC. 1-2: Hairy Bizness Art Gallery presents "Togelherness," a group exhibition by MOSCOW ARTISTS of work including paintings, sculpture, mosaics, tapestry, and a slide show of murals. Tues.-Sat., 10 am-7 pm. 867 Valencia St. 826-1291.

DEC. 1, 8 & 29; JAN. 5, 19 & 26: Bring your preschooler to STDRY TIME at the Noe Valley Library. 10 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

DEC. 2, 9, 16 & 23: Escape the hustle and bustle of the season at the Noe Valley Ministry's ADVENT SERVICE of prayer and silence. 7:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

DEC. 5: Superior Collee and Foods sponsors a PANCAKE BREAKFAST to benefit James Lick Middle School, featuring a student talent show. Breakfast served 8-11 am. (Talent show starts at 11 am.) James Lick Middle School, 1220 Noe St. 695-5675.

DEC. 5: The Randall Museum offers an ORIGAMI ORNAMENT workshop for all ages (under 8 with a parent). 10 am-noon. 199 Museum Way. Call 554-9600 to preregister.

DEC. 5: Piano and percussion JAZZ STYLIST Art Lande performs with the Russian Dragon Band. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music Series, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272.

DEC. 6: Die Männerstimmer Male Vocal Ensembles presents its third candlelight CONCERT and chocolate tasting, to benefit the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. 7-9 pm. St. Matthew's Church, 16th & Dolores. 826-4618.

DEC. 6: The Mission Dolores Basilica Choir performs a CONCERT of Christmas spirituals, contemporary compositions, and seasonal carols. 7 pm. 3321 16th St. 477-5024.

DEC. 12 & 13: Santa will visit the Bank of America branch at 24th and Castro 9 am-2 pm on Dec. 12, courtesy of the Noe Valley Merchants Association. On Dec. 12 & 13, childcare for holiday shoppers will be available 11 am-5 pm at the Noe Valley Nursery School, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2278.

DEC. 13: Concenius, an ensemble of the San Francisco Bach Choir, presents a CHRISTMAS CONCERT of music from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. 2 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

DEC. 13: The San Francisco Children's Chorus, directed by Urs Leonhardt Steiner, will sing HOLIDAY FOLK SONGS from around the world. 7 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

DEC. 13: San Francisco's all-city middle school orchestra, Portal Philharmonic, performs a sing-along "MESSIAH" in the S.F. Centre Lobby. 2 pm. Market & Powell. 495-5656.

DEC. 13 & JAN. 10: Noe Valley Ministry's CANTATE service of chanting, meditation, and prayer begins at 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

DEC. 15: Author AMY TAN and illustrator Gretchen Schields make a special Noe Valley appearance to promote their new collaboration. 4-6 pm. Cover to Cover, 3910 24th St. 282-8080.

DEC. 15: Keanes 3300 Club features POETRY readings by Geri Digiorno, Lee Hopkins, and Nancy Keane. 7 pm. Mission at 29th. 824-0835.

DEC. 15: Feminist activists/writers can be heard in "Voices of Light and Color," a benefit POETRY READING for Radical Women. 7 pm. Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St. 864-1278.

DEC. 17: Dog-Eared Books' "In a Dog's Ear" poetry and MUSIC JAM features the Afro-rican sounds of Primos/Cousins. 8 pm. 1173 Valencia St. 641-8403.

DEC. 17: The Noe Valley Library hosts a live reading of WALT WHITMAN'S *Leaves of Grass*. 451 Jersey St. Call 695-5095 for time.



Nina Shilling (left) and Debbie Moore model their natural fiber fashions, some of which will be for sale at the annual Celebration of Craftswomen, starting Dec. 12 at Fort Mason.



The Fisheads will emerge as the neighborhood's resident improv comedy group in their Dec. 11 show at the Noe Valley Ministry.

DEC. 18: Acoustic guitarist Duck Baker and vocalist Molly Andrews perform American folk music and JAZZ. 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 756-6857.

DEC. 18: The Noe Valley Senior Center hosts a CHRISTMAS DINNER and party at the Noe Valley Ministry. 12:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. Call 648-1030 for reservations.

DEC. 19: The Saraha Buddhist Center offers a holiday open house and BAKESALE/BAZAAR, plus a proper English tea in the afternoon. Noon-6 pm. 342 Liberty St. 824-1135.

DEC. 19: Celebrate Chanukah with the Travelling Jewish Theater's Corey Fischer, performing his PLAY, *Sometimes We Need a Story More Than Food*. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music Series, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272.

DEC. 19: Tax practitioner Jan Zobel leads a SEMINAR, "Basic Tax and Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People." 1197 Valencia St. Call 821-1015 for time and information.

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DEC. 2, 9, 16 & 30; JAN. 6, 13, 20 & 27: The Noe Valley Library offers LAPSITS for parents, babies, and toddlers. 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

DEC. 3: Musician Theresa Chandler performs and activists Melissa Farley and Chris Oomingo read from *Femicide: The Politics of Woman Killing* at a BENEFIT for Women's Voices and the Clearinghouse on Femicide. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4675.

DEC. 3: Meet ARMISTEAD MAUPIN at a book-signing party for his new release, *Maybe the Moon*. 7 pm. Cover to Cover, 3910 24th St. 282-8080.

DEC. 3, 5 & 6: A chamber quartet from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music provides seasonal tunes for shoppers at the St. Paul's High School alumnae CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE Dec. 3, 7-10 pm. Shopping continues Dec. 5, 1-5 pm, and Dec. 6, 2-5 pm. 317 29th St. 648-0505.

DEC. 4: To launch the Christmas season, the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association will illuminate 24th Street with white lights, starting at 6 pm. Most stores will remain open until 8 pm. For information, call J.P. Gilfen at 821-1515.

DEC. 4, 12 & 19: "8-1" of the lucky 8INGD players at St. Paul's weekly games; proceeds benefit parish schools. 6 pm. 221 Valley St. 648-7538.

DEC. 10: The Friends of Noe Valley host a meeting with a representative of the Department of Public Works, and a DISCUSSION of its plans to remedy defective sidewalks in the neighborhood. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 863-5563.

DEC. 11: Ms. Magazine editor ROBIN MORGAN reads from her new book, *The Word of a Woman: Selected Prose 1968-1991*. 8 pm. Women's Building, 3543 18th St. 821-4675.

DEC. 11: Terry Sand's "low cholesterol" comedy troupe, FISHEAOS, presents a "Holiday Extravaganza" and comedy revue at the Noe Valley Ministry. 8 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

DEC. 12: The Community Music Center's HOLIOAY PARTY for children features the Ina Chalis Opera Ensemble performing *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, followed by a carol sing-along, snacks, and a visit from Santa Claus. 11 am; with a second performance at 2 pm. 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

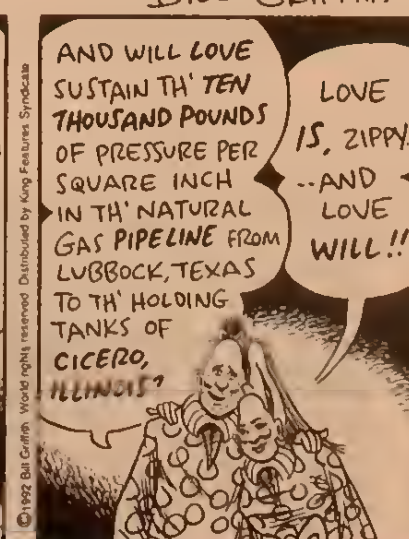
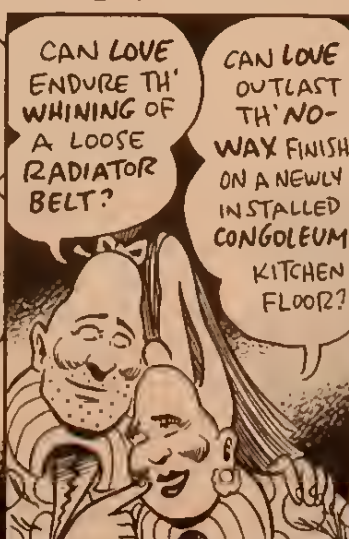
DEC. 12, 13, 19 & 20: The Celebration of CRAFTSWOMEN, a benefit for the Women's Building, is the largest juried women's crafts fair in the country. 10 am-6 pm. Fort Mason Center, Herbst Pavilion. 431-4141.

DEC. 12 & 15: FILMS for children 3-5 years old will be shown at 10 and 11 am; children 6 and older are invited to a screening at 3:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

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BILL GRIFFIN



The Scoop on CALENDAR

Please send calendar items before the 15th day of the month preceding the month of issue to the Noe Valley Voice, 1021 Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Items are published on a space-available basis, with Noe Valley neighborhood events receiving priority. Note: The Voice is on a one-month vacation, so the next issue will appear Wednesday, Feb. 3, and will cover calendar events for the month of February. The editorial deadline for the February issue is Jan. 15, 1993.